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BIG JAPANESE OFFENSIVE STARTS

THRUST TOWARD WELL DEFENDED TANGYIN CITY

Attackers Claim To Have Routed 2,000 Manchurian Soldiers

Shanghai, Feb. 12.

Following an intensive artillery barrage, Japanese forces, whose base is at Changteh, a city in Honan on the Peiping-Hankow railway, launched an offensive on Tangyin, ten kilometres south of Changteh, according to semi-official Japanese reports.

It is claimed that 2,000 former Manchurian troops under General Wan Fu-lin were routed north of Tangyin as the Japanese thrust southward got underway. Some 15,000 Chinese troops are stated to be defending Tangyin.

According to Japanese observers, the southward movement of the Japanese troops foreshadows a general push in the direction of the Lunghai railway. The advance is being made parallel with another Japanese column which has moved from Taming towards Chihsheng during the last few days, and when this single movement was reported Japanese observers tended to credit the Japanese command with the intention of carrying out pincer operations by advancing troops south and east so as to cut off the Chinese units on the eastern section of the Lunghai front.

Following the latest developments, Japanese troops are believed to be heading directly for Chingchow, the junction of the Peiping-Hankow and Lunghai railway lines.

Meanwhile the Japanese claim that their threat to Hsuehchow has increased following the crossing of the Hsueh River at two points. These two columns are advancing northward from Pengpu and Linhuakuan.—*Reuter.*

Bombs Wreck River Bridge

Hankow, Feb. 12.
It is learned from reliable sources that due to the severe bombing yesterday, and also on February 10, the Yellow River bridge and the Kihnan railway, north-west of Chingchow, were very badly damaged, necessitating temporary suspension of all traffic.

Wuchang aerodrome, which is used by the Eurasian C.N.A.C. planes, was apparently the objective yesterday of the Japanese raid, but the field escaped the missiles, most of which fell into open country, south-west of Wuchang.

Apparently no bombs landed near the waterfront as was earlier believed, and no damage of any importance, was caused.

A message from Ichang says that H.M.S. Gannet has arrived at Ichang. (Continued on Page 5.)

DETERMINED TO STOP TERRORISM

Another Shanghai Crime Discovered

Shanghai, Feb. 12.
The discovery of a fourth decapitated head, which is the third within 24 hours, is exercising the French police, who are determined to stamp out terrorism even if this entails sealing up the entire French Concession.

French patrols have already been doubled, and if this does not result in an improving situation, more drastic measures will be taken.

As a result of Shanghai's wave of terrorism, French police since the New Year have arrested 6,000 persons for questioning and seized 182 pistols.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE ANSWER AWAITED

Tokyo Will Also Clarify Attitude On Limitation

Tokyo, Feb. 12.
It is expected that the Government will deliver its replies to Great Britain's, France's and America's requests for information regarding naval building at any moment. It is likely they will be handed to the three Ambassadors simultaneously.

It is expected, also, that the Foreign Office and Navy will clarify their attitudes on arms limitations and deal with the present international building programmes. Meanwhile, the celebration of the Empire's founding is overshadowed by all other developments.—*United Press.*

IS THIS DRESS REHEARSAL?

Singapore, Feb. 12.
Some quarters regard the warship demonstration here as a dress rehearsal for a possible war in the Pacific.

The Singapore Free Press observes: "If the facts are ever known concerning the American warships' visit they will prove a surprise to those who persist in believing... the visit falls in the same category as other visits to Singapore."

The Governor, Sir Shenton Thomas, will officiate at the opening of the base when 11,000 guests will include six Malayan Sultans.—*United Press.*

DEFENSIVE WEAPON

Washington, Feb. 11.
Mr. Carl Vinson, chairman of the House Naval Committee, announced today he would append a statement to the Naval Expansion Bill reaffirming America's fundamental policy of maintaining the fleet as a defensive and not an aggressive weapon.

He disclosed a provision which will open the door to the United States' participation in any subsequent international agreements for naval arms limitation in the event of which provision be made to empower the President to suspend portions of the expansion plan as necessary to bring the United States within the limitations agreed upon.

"Adequate naval defence," said Mr. Vinson, "means not only protection of continental coasts from the Canal Zone to Alaska, Hawaii and Insular possessions, but also a defence which will keep any potential enemy away from our shores."—*United Press.*

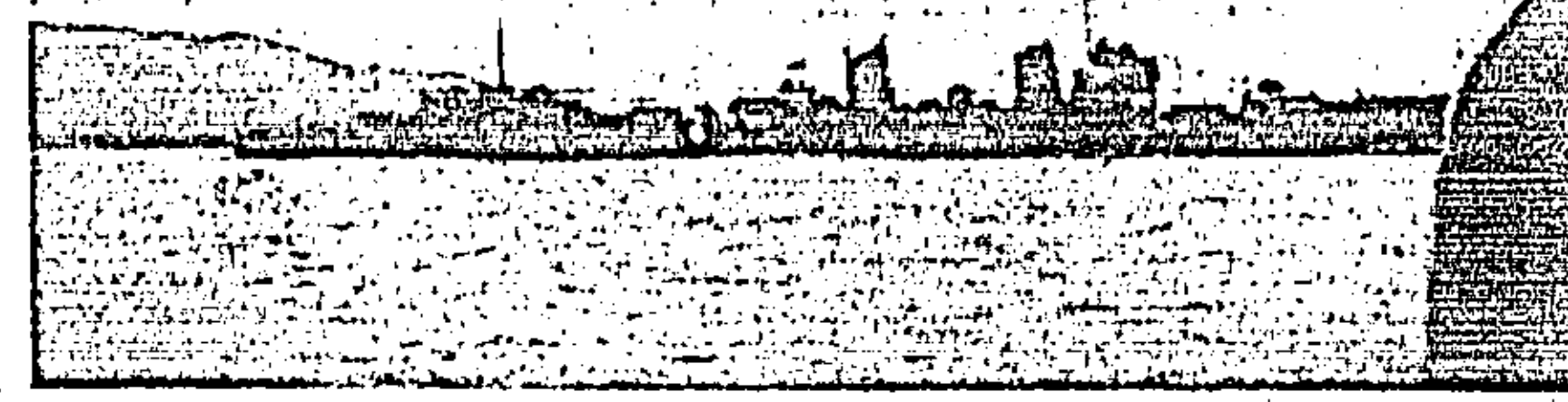
BRITISH RAILWAYS HAVE GOOD YEAR

London, Feb. 11.
Two more railways in Britain are declaring higher dividends this year. The Great Western Railway have declared a four per cent. dividend on their common shares, compared with three per cent. last year, while the London, Midland and Scottish Railway have declared a dividend of 4½ per cent. on ordinary shares, against 1½ last year.—*Reuter.*

Wide Support for Anti-Japanese Boycott Move

H.K. YACHTSMAN MEETS DESTROYER

A Hongkong yachting party recently encountered a Japanese destroyer off Castle Peak and promptly made a camera record of the occasion. A little later they sighted a second craft off the British Island of Sha Chau. The above photograph shows the slim warcraft cruising slowly beyond Castle Peak.



Italy Denies Troop-Massing On Frontier

Rome, Feb. 11.
The Italian authorities deny the Vienna report that Italy is massing troops on the Italian-Austrian frontier owing to the situation in Germany, which might affect Nazis Austria.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

ITALIANS READY TO WITHDRAW

Progress Made At Anglo-Italian Conversations

London, Feb. 12.
From unimpeachable quarters it is learned that Count Dino Grandi, Italian Ambassador in London, has intimated to Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, that Italy wishes to evacuate her volunteers from Spanish soil.

It is authoritatively stated that negotiations for withdrawal have reached a point making possible an accord which will definitely localise the war.

The general impression is that the atmosphere is the most favourable thus far achieved in the Anglo-Italian conversations on non-intervention.

It is understood the agreement to withdrawal is subject to the impending accord regarding the checking of foreign help to Loyalists and it is understood that M. Malsky, the Russian Ambassador, has informed Great Britain that Russia is prepared to pay for the evacuation of Russians from Spain provided agreement can be reached on other points.—*United Press.*

Immunity Bill Being Rushed

Colombo, Feb. 11.
The State Council of Ceylon is rushing an "Immunity Bill," which will deprive the local courts of jurisdiction over the speaker of the Council and officers under him.

This is the sequel to a dispute between the Council and the Times of Ceylon, whose representatives were deprived the privilege of attending meetings of the Council.

The Court granted a summons against the Speaker of the Council and two police officers for illegally restraining reporters of the Times of Ceylon from entering the Council Chamber. The summons must be returned next week.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

BERLIN EXPLAINS WHY FRONTIER WAS CLOSED

Berlin, Feb. 11.
Herr Alfred Berndt, Deputy Press Chief, said the rumour of the closing of the frontiers seemed to have arisen from the fact that at one point of the Belgium frontier, the highways had been closed pending regulation of truck traffic, which Belgium had desired.

He said that Herr Adolf Hitler would return to Berlin for the diplomatic banquet on Tuesday next, and further declared that no Privy Council for internal affairs would be established similar to that for foreign affairs.—*United Press.*

PEIPING'S NEW BANK TO OPEN

Local Authorities Invest Millions Of Dollars

Peiping, Feb. 11.
The new Federal Reserve Bank has been formally inaugurated and will open for business on March 1, with Wang Keh-min, very prominent member of the Provisional Government as Governor.

Mr. Wang announced that half of the Provisional Government's share of the bank's capital was paid from a loan of \$12,000,000 negotiated with the Bank of Chosen, the Japan Industrial Development Bank, and the Yokohama Specie Bank. Eight local banks, including branches of three central Government banks, must now provide their share of capital, totalling \$25,000,000.

The South Manchurian Railway has taken over the Pingui Railway from the Chinese administration, thus placing the two North China railways under that company's control, the other line being the Peiping-Shanhaiwan Railway.—*Reuter.*

Rumania Will Aid Jews

Government States Its Policy

Bucharest, Feb. 11.
The Rumanian Government issued a statement today that it would revive the Constitution in order to respond to the necessities of the moment, brought about by hatred and strife between the numerous political parties.

The Government would make a just re-examination of all citizenships granted after the great War, and would organise the departure of all foreign elements falling into an illegal class.

Rumania would co-operate with other countries with large Jewish populations in order to discover new homes for them and would also maintain peace with all her neighbours and would keep her frontiers intact.

The statement concluded: "The motto of the Government is: 'King and Country.'—*Reuter.*

PRESSMEN GRILL SPOKESMAN

Germany's Internal Affairs Mystery

Berlin, Feb. 11.
Herr Alfred Berndt, Dr. Goebbels' deputy, speaking to foreign journalists assembled at the Propaganda Ministry denied there had been encounters between the Black Guards and troops, or the occupation of barracks by Black Guards.

Herr Berndt looked worried when a correspondent said: "You have told us what really happened over General Blomberg's marriage?"

Herr Berndt reiterated that this was a private affair. When a correspondent suggested that officers of the corps were not indifferent to the circumstances of an officer's marriage, Herr Berndt refused to reply.

Referring to the recent army changes, the spokesman said it was not unnatural that Germany should replace army commanders by younger men as Britain and France had done. The retirement of General Blomberg and General Von Frick was due exclusively to ill health.

He said that Herr Hitler would return to Berlin on February 14. He denied that there would be a plebiscite or the formation of a Cabinet to deal purely with internal affairs.

Official circles are much annoyed by the reports in regard to Germany's internal affairs.—*Reuter Special.*

STOP PRESS

JUNKS ATTACKED IN H.K. WATERS

According to a police report received early this morning, a number of junks have been attacked and burned in Hongkong waters by an armed Japanese trawler.

A wireless message from Water Police Launch No. 3, received at 1.45 a.m. today, was signed by Assistant Superintendent of Police Thompson. It read:

A Japanese armed trawler seized six Chinese trading junks at about 1 p.m. yesterday and machine-guns were fired.

The incident happened between Tungku Island and Lungkum, in British waters, near Castle Peak.

Subsequently four of the junks were set afire, though three were recovered and the fire extinguished by the police.

The fourth junk, after burning, became partly submerged. But the crew swam to Lungkum.

The other two junks were released but the crews cannot be located. One man is known to have been wounded.

It is believed one more junk was set afire outside British waters at the same time, the wireless report concludes.

BRITAIN LOSES DAVIS CUP HOPE

London, Feb. 12.
Britain's Davis Cup chances are lessened by the announcement that Charles E. Hare, promising young player, is taking up a business appointment in the United States. He will probably be unable to return for the Davis Cup and also will be unable to play at Wimbledon.—*Reuter Special.*

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FORMER U.S. STATE SECRETARY URGING REPRISALS IN TRADE

China Whole-Heartedly Supports Conference Called in London

London, Feb. 12.

Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James, will replace Madame Sun Yat-sen as China's representative at the International peace conference which will open in London to-day. It will discuss the Japanese boycott proposals.

Many other cables of sympathy have come from many parts of the world besides China, expressing the hope that the conference will succeed. Those sending their encouragement include Mr. Henry Stimson, former United States Secretary of States. Mr. Stimson urges unofficial severance of commercial relations with Japan.

Mr. T. V. Soong, in a lengthy cable from Hongkong, urges collective action against aggression.

"WE WILL NEVER SURRENDER"

Stirring Speech By Wang Ching-wei After Air Raid

Hankow, Feb. 12.
"We will never surrender to aggression," declared Mr. Wang Ching-wei when addressing a reception given yesterday by the Chinese Peoples' Foreign Affairs Association, held in support of the London Conference which starts to-day.

Mr. Wang, who is one of China's foremost writers, asserted that no permanent peace was possible without justice, adding that any disturbance of the peace in any part of the world was bound to have repercussions in every other part of the world.

Just before the reception, Japanese aircraft raided Hankow, dropping bombs and handbills, but owing to the heavy fog, Chinese anti-aircraft batteries were unable to spot the invaders, and thus they did not fire.

After dropping a few bombs, the planes crossed to Wuchang and bombed the commercial aerodrome near Nanky where the C.N.A.C. and Eurasian operate air lines from Hankow to Chungking and Hongkong respectively. After bombing the visitors returned to Hankow and dropped thousands of handbills.—*Reuter.*

PURGE IN RUSSIA CONTINUES

Moscow, Feb. 11.
As a sequel to permitting their bus to fall into a river with the result that several persons were drowned, six transport workers have been sentenced to death at Leningrad on a charge of sabotage, being allegedly members of a counter-revolutionary wreckers' organisation.

Five others, including the woman Commissar of Social Security for the Crimean Republic, have been sentenced to death on a charge of embezzlement involving approximately 220,000 roubles.—*Reuter.*

SUPREME COURT SESSION

It is notified for general information that His Honour the Chief Justice has ordered that the next Criminal Sessions shall be held on Monday, February 14, at 10 a.m.

MADAME SUN TO MISS MASS MEETING

London, Feb. 11.
Madame Sun Yat-sen, widow of China's hero and patriot, has cabled the organisers of the International Peace Campaign, which meets tomorrow, regretting that duties in connection with the present crisis prevent her from attending the conference in London on Sunday, as was intended.

She urgently appeals to the conference to use this great opportunity to the present gathering of the forces of the world to exert action against aggression.—*Reuter.*

AGGRESSORS SHOULD BE PUNISHED

Chiang's Message To Lord Cecil

Hankow, Feb. 12.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek last night sent a radio message to Lord Cecil in London upholding the anti-aggression movement and congratulating the peer on the opening of the London mass meeting to deal with the Far East situation.

He expressed the hope that international pressure would give positive punishment to the aggressor nations.

Simultaneously, it is learned, the Korean National Front League issued a manifesto upholding the anti-aggression movement. It described Japan not only as China's and Japan's enemy but the common enemy of the whole race and urged the union of all peace-loving masses to extinguish Japanese imperialism.—*United Press.*

WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT

Hankow, Feb. 12.
China is whole-heartedly supporting the conference in London to-day, under the auspices of the International Peace Campaign, to discuss ways and means of boycotting Japan and helping China.

According to information reaching here, Chinese public bodies throughout the country, including Hankow, Shanghai, Canton, Tientsin, Peking, Chungking, Changsha and Nanchang, have sent messages to the conference urging adoption of concrete and effective measures "to check Japanese aggression in China."

Meanwhile, mass meetings have been held all over Hankow supporting the conference. Streets are filled with huge placards with such slogans as "Support the International Boycott Conference and world efforts to check Japanese aggression."—*Reuter.*

PUT IT IN PICKLE

EVERY homemaker who makes preserves for her family leaves a good space on the shelf for a variety of pickles.

The young folk like choosing from the different shapes among the mixed vegetables, while Father and Mother are in favour of a fruity chutney.

The secret of that unusual pickle flavour for which the Indians are so famous lies just as much in the mixing of fruit and vegetables as in the blending of spices.

Pop a plum or two into your mixed pickle, a slice of apple or lemon to impregnate the vegetables with their fruity flavour.

Apples combine with marrow to make a delicious chutney, too, and make a tomato chutney taste different. But here are some truly favourites in the pickle world for you to try.

Always buy good quality malt vinegar. Never use copper or metal pans, for the action of the vinegar on the metal causes small portions to dissolve in the liquid. An unchipped, enamel-lined pan is best.

Use a wooden spoon for stirring, and put the pickles in wide-necked jars, with patent stoppers or corks. The vinegar should completely cover the pickles, which should be stored in a cool, dry place.

Spiced Vinegar

First, a recipe for spiced vinegar, often used for pickles and chutneys.

Ingredients: 4 pints vinegar, 1lb. sugar, 2 tablespoonsful mustard seed, 2 tablespoonsful red chillies, one 2-inch cinnamon stick, a pinch of ground cloves, a tablespoonful grated horse-radish, 4 peppercorns.

Put the ingredients into a saucepan with a tight-fitting lid and bring to the boil. Keep covered, remove from heat and infuse for 12 hours, then strain.

Sweet Pickle

The addition of fruit gives an unusual flavour to this mixed pickle.

Ingredients: 1lb. cucumber, 1lb. marrow, 1lb. tomatoes, 1lb. sultanas, 1lb. onions, 4oz. crystallised ginger, 1lb. Demerara sugar, 1 1/2 pints vinegar, 1oz. salt, 1oz. turmeric, 1oz. bruised ginger, a pinch of celery seed, ground mace and mixed spice.

Cut the tomatoes in halves and remove the seeds. Chop the marrow, onion and cucumber finely, or put through a coarse mincer. Add the vinegar, sultanas, cut up ginger, sugar, salt, and the spices tied in a muslin bag.

Stir and boil for 2 1/2 hours until the mixture is dark and of a thick consistency. Pour into pots and make airtight when cold.

Marrow & Apple

Cold meat is eaten with more relish if accompanied by this chutney. Ingredients—2lb. apples, 2lb. pre-

says

Mrs. BARDELL

Tested Recipes for Fruit and Vegetables

pared marrow, 1lb. onions, 1lb. brown sugar, 4oz. sultanas, 4oz. crystallised ginger, 1oz. whole peppercorns and whole ginger, 1 1/2 pints vinegar, 1oz. mustard seed, 1oz. salt.

Peel, slice and dice the marrow, arrange on a large dish and sprinkle with salt. Leave overnight, then strain away the liquid.

Peel, slice and chop the apples and onions, put into the pan with the marrow, sultanas, vinegar, salt and sugar.

Tie the peppercorns, mustard seed and ginger in a muslin bag, then add. Bring slowly to the boil, then cook gently until the vegetables are tender and well blended. Remove the ginger and spices, pour into pots and seal.

Popular Mixed

Almost any vegetables can be used for this mixed pickle. Most people pick out the cauliflower and onions, so I suggest that you allow plenty of both in this popular recipe.

Cut the cauliflower into small pieces, skin some shallots, peel and slice 2lb. green tomatoes, cut a cucumber into small oblong pieces, slice a few runner beans, and scrape and slice one or two carrots.

Put onions and cucumber into a brine made by dissolving 1 1/2lb. salt in 1 gallon of water. Leave for three days, then drain well, dabling lightly with a dry cloth to free from moisture. Mix with the other vegetables and pack carefully into warm, dry jars.

Boil a quart of vinegar with one or two peppercorns and chillies, a tablespoonful of salt, 1oz. ginger, 1oz. allspice, then cover the vegetables in the jars. Tie down when cold.

Pickled Shallots

This is a favourite pickle in many homes.

Skin 2lb. small onions or shallots, and pack them into glass jars, taking care not to break them. Boil 2 pints of vinegar with a tablespoonful of salt, 1oz. each of chillies and mustard seed, three pieces of bruised ginger and one or two cloves.

Continue boiling for twenty minutes, leave to cool slightly, then fill each jar with the vinegar and make airtight.

Red Cabbage

Another deservedly popular pickle is red cabbage.

Remove the outer leaves of a firm red cabbage, quarter it and cut out the centre stalk. Shred each quarter finely, then spread on a large dish.

Boil a quart of vinegar with 1oz. peppercorns and the same of allspice. When cool, pour over the cabbage, completely filling each jar. Cover and tie down. Ready for use in a week.

Piccaililli

For those who prefer a mustard pickle, here is a recipe for piccaililli.

Ingredients:—2lb. green tomatoes, 3 onions, quarter of a cabbage, 1 cauliflower, 1 large cucumber, 1lb. vegetable marrow, 1lb. brown sugar, 1oz. mustard seed, 1oz. celery seed, 1 1/2 pints vinegar, 1 tablespoonful turmeric, 1oz. mustard, 2 tablespoonsful olive oil, salt.

Chop the vegetables and place in

layers on a large dish with alternate layers of salt. Allow to stand for 24 hours, then drain away the liquid.

Heat together the vinegar, sugar, turmeric, and the seeds tied in a muslin bag, then pour over the vegetables. Leave to stand for two days, then drain off the liquor.

Mix the mustard with the olive oil and vinegar, and pour over the vegetables, first packing these into dry glass jars. Cover when cold.

Nasturtiums as Capers

The seed pods of nasturtiums can be used instead of capers. Gather them on a dry day, wash, then dry them with a cloth, and put them into a warm oven to dry.

Place into jars, cover with cold spiced vinegar, then cork and seal.

Red Tomato Chutney

Excellent chutney made with ripe tomatoes.

Ingredients: 6lb. red tomatoes, 3 tablespoonsful allspice, 1lb. sugar, 1oz. mustard seed, 1 1/2oz. salt, 1 pint white malt vinegar, half a teaspoonful cayenne pepper.

Plunge tomatoes in boiling water for two minutes, then into cold. Remove skins. Tie allspice and mustard seed in a muslin bag, add to the tomatoes with the cayenne, sugar and vinegar. Bring to the boil, simmer for 2 1/2 hours or until the chutney is of a thick consistency. Cool and pot.

For the BRIDGE PARTY HOSTESS

NOW that entertaining in the form of afternoon bridge parties, informal dances, and parties of all kinds is in full swing, hostesses are seeking their brains for new ideas in easily prepared buffet refreshments.

Here are some suggestions for novel sandwich fillings which should help:

CHICKEN AND CAPER.—Pound oddments of cooked chicken flesh with a little butter, some chopped capers, and a little thick, well-seasoned chicken gravy.

MOCK CRAB.—Mash together 1lb. of skinned tomatoes, 1/2lb. of grated cheese, 2 chopped hard-boiled eggs, a little mustard, and a teaspoonful of meat extract.

TONGUE AND WALNUT.—Mix together minced tongue, chopped pickled walnuts, some pulp from fresh tomatoes, and seasoning to taste.

CHEESE AND NUT.—Make a mixture of two parts cream cheese, one part chopped nuts, and one part chopped celery.

VITAMIN FILLING.—Cream cheese, grated raw carrot, and chopped, seedless raisins mixed well together.

SIX-DECKER SANDWICHES.—These strike a different note. Instead of cutting small slices in the usual way, cut six thin slices the length of a sandwich loaf, then, buttering between each, place the slices on top of one another with a different filling on each slice. Chopped celery, cream cheese, lettuce, nuts, and raisins are delicious. When the great, long sandwich is completed, remove all crusts and cut into tall, thin strips. If made in advance, wrap in a damp cloth, and cut into small pieces just before serving.

Those who are not used to catering on a large scale will find the following notes will help them with the ordering:

SANDWICHES.—A large sandwich loaf and 3/4lb. of butter sufficient for 30 persons.

SWEETS.—A quart of jelly mould or fruit salad makes 10 portions.

ICE CREAM.—2 1/2 pints makes 25 portions.

MILK.—One quart sufficient for tea for 25 persons. Three pints required for coffee for 25 persons.

COFFEE.—Allow 1/2lb. for 25 persons.

SOFT DRINKS.—Allow half a pint per person.

Shining Silver

BEFORE putting away the silver teapot and best silver spoons and forks after the season's festivities smear them with olive oil. This is the best way of preventing tarnish on silver that is not in regular use.

When it is needed again all it requires is a wash in soapy water before being put on the table. A camphor ball in the box or case is another proof against tarnish.

A silver teapot put away damp is apt to go musty inside. The best way is to stuff a piece of absorbent material into it for an hour or two after drying it as thoroughly as possible. Then put it away with a good-sized lump of sugar inside. This will absorb any moisture that still remains.

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PLEASE NOTE!

1. Pot in wide-necked jars.
2. Vinegar to cover pickles.
3. Cool, dry store cupboard.

KITCHEN HINTS

IF the knobs of your kitchen table are removed and a short towel rail substituted, it will prove very useful for kitchen cloths, besides acting as a drawer handle.

Should your gas stove become greasy, rub it with a paraffin rag and allow it to dry. Then brush well with black lead to which a little turpentine has been added, when it will be restored to its original condition.

Remember that the maximum heat from the rings of a gas stove is reached when the flames are level with the top of the stove.

Use soda water for scrubbing a rusty fireguard before giving it a coat of aluminium paint. Not only will it look most attractive, but it will not rust any clothes that are put upon it.

If a tile from the hearth or wall becomes dislodged, mix equal parts of salt and flour into a thick paste with water, and apply to the back of the tile when a firm fixture can be made.

If the pattern on linoleum is wearing off, paint it over with one of the special linoleum paints, for it will then lengthen its life considerably.

Place sheets of clean newspaper beneath coco-matting and they will catch all dirt that goes through, so saving much labour washing floors.

Two or three pieces of lump sugar beneath the cover of the cheese dish will keep the cheese fresh for a considerable period.

If newly-purchased tea is slightly warmed in the oven before being put in the caddy, its flavour will be much improved.

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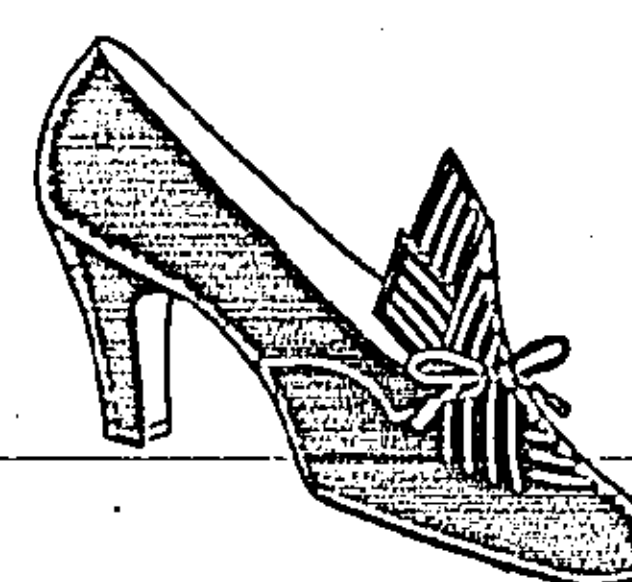
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POLO ACES FROM MEXICO—Mexico's famed polo team as it arrived in San Francisco to play a series with an all-star California quartet. Left to right, with Dora, Major Antonio Nava, Captain Alberto Serna, Lieutenant Jose Villalobos, Major Juan Garcia, Major Francisco Medina and Julio Muller. The team was a runner-up in the 1936 Olympic contests.

Ferret Killed Their Baby

Parents Leave Dream House

UNTIL a polecat ferret attacked and killed their seven-month-old daughter, Mr. Benjamin Frankel, dance-band orchestrator, lived with his wife in a dream house.

It was the kind of house that was symbolised by the song: We want a little white room with a window by the sea; It must be the right room, the room for you and me; We want a little bright room as bright as bright can be . . .

Beverly Nichols, famous writer of Page Two, wrote the words and music for this hit number of "Floodlight." Mr. Frankel orchestrated it, and Frances Day, Sunday Chronicle beauty editress, sang it.

ONE COMFORT The melody associated itself in Mr. Frankel's mind with the happiness he had found at "The Partridges," sixteenth-century house at Dadhurst, Sussex.

Now the dream house is a dream house no more.

"Since the loss of our daughter Julia, my wife and I have decided to leave the house as soon as we can," Mr. Frankel told the Sunday Chronicle.

"It would be impossible for us to be happy here again because of the tragic associations."

"We came to live here less than six months ago. It was the house of our dreams. Now . . ."

"One comfort is that we still have our little boy, who is aged nearly two."

2 HUSBANDS

St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Mrs. Mildred Ullom had two husbands for one moment recently—but it was quite legal.

Mrs. Ullom was granted a divorce by Judge Clifford L. Belt on the condition she marry within six hours a man who she said was the father of her son.

Within six hours after the Judge's ruling, Mrs. Ullom, her intended husband and a court bailiff were at the St. Clairsville Methodist Episcopal Church. The Minister finished the ceremony, the newly-weds kissed, and the bailiff handed Mrs. Ullom her divorce decree.—United Press.

BLOOD DONORS CORPS FORMED

Philadelphia.

A "blood donors corps" has been formed by the 155 members of the Henry H. Houston, 2nd Post, American Legion, here. Purpose of the corps is to pledge itself to supply blood for transfusions for any member of the Post or their families.

CHANCERY COURT HEARS OF MARITAL DIFFERENCES

London.

The long expected trial of matrimonial differences of Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid, Conservative M. P. for Marylebone, and his wife, has commenced in the Chancery Court. There are further proceedings about to be taken in the Divorce Court but the present action does not affect these in any way. All it does is deal with the income of the two parties.

It would appear that Mrs. Cunningham-Reid was co-habiting with her sister Lady Louisa Mountbatten to the six million sterling left by their grandfather Sir Ernest Cassel.

Married at 20 when a Ward in Chancery, the wife had a comparatively small allowance, but after marriage she had an income between £70,000—£80,000 a year.

It was necessary for the husband to pay most of the money for her trousseau and he also paid for her wedding present to him.

Immediately after the marriage, however, the financial position of the two was completely changed. Captain Cunningham-Reid himself was not a poor man because prior to the marriage very considerable sums were passing through his account, up to £6,000 or £7,000 a year and up to the time of the marriage he must have had a capital of £30,000 including the settlement on his wife. After the marriage the wife came into money and enjoyed an income far beyond that of her husband.

As she was very much in love with her husband she suggested that she should provide her husband with a definite income and that any savings should become his personal property and should be invested by him to build up a capital sum. A joint account was opened at Lloyds Bank, and either the husband or the wife could sign cheques upon it.

Over nearly ten years money was drawn out of the joint account by Captain Cunningham-Reid, apart from establishment expenses, to the extent of £282,000. During the same time he paid into the joint account £175,000, leaving a debit of £107,000 roughly.

It was that money, or the property represented by it, to which Mrs. Cunningham-Reid now claimed to be entitled.

TRUSTEES NOT TOLD

Counsel for the wife has suggested that this joint account arrangement was never communicated to the Trustees of the estate, which seems to be true, and there were plenty of other suggestions made in the case to the effect that everybody on the wife's side did not like the marriage at all. There is, however, no doubt that the parties did like each other, and the following passage is illuminating:—

"You knew," suggested Sir Patrick Hastings, "that by that time she was a very love-sick girl."

"We were in love with each other," said Captain Cunningham-Reid.

Sir Patrick: You knew she was blindly infatuated with you and would have done anything to please you?—I knew she loved me.

To your knowledge she was absolutely blindly infatuated with you, and was seriously and gravely ill because of the attempts to prevent her marrying you?—I agree.

And within a week of the marriage she was making to you this very large gift?—That is so.

I suggest that no honest man, if your story is true, could have kept this gift to himself and not told her father or trustee; or say that it did not concern either of them.

Sir Patrick: When your wife had left you, was this her position, that she had no house, no furniture, no investments, only two-thirds of her former income, and that you had got everything else in the world that had been bought out of the joint estate—except, of course, clothing?

Captain Cunningham-Reid: That is not true.

Pressed by Sir Patrick, Captain Cunningham-Reid said his wife had her jewels, her income, a comfortable home, her husband and her children.

DEPENDS ON THE HUSBAND!

"Lots of women would like that and £70,000 a year," he added.

"It depends upon the husband," was Sir Patrick's retort.

Sir Patrick referred to solicitors' letters, then said: "Listen to this and answer whether this was meant to be cynical, humorous or contemptuous: 'Our client does not claim any of the cars or dogs that are now at Six-Mile Bottom as his property.'"

Sir Patrick: Out of all the money of her spent during those ten years, what has she got in the world except her clothes, her jewels and her dogs?

Captain Cunningham-Reid: She has the arrangement she desired.

LOVE LETTERS IN COURT

Although this particular lawsuit started quietly, it is now breaking up the newspapers, since Cunningham-Reid's love letters have been read in Court. As all of them seem to have been inspired when these law suits were impending and were typed by Captain Cunningham-Reid on the advice of his solicitor, I am not quite sure of the genuineness of most of them. The phraseology is just what newspapers love, and this sort of thing:—

"Darling—I only got your note late at night as I had been hours with Barbara. How profitable that time with her would have been if it had occurred before, but now I know what a complete ostrich I have been. Do come back to me. You and I have built up so much together that it is worth while that it would be terribly sad to give it all up. I have realised that my attitude on occasions has upset you. Mary come back to me. At the worst, if I have forgotten my lesson you have your remedy. I can always make you happy as I believe I have done sometimes in the past. You see sweetie sitting here at 5 o'clock in the morning has brought it home that you are not just my wife but my best friend and my whole existence."

Of course all the postcards are out with "M. P. and Sweetie."

The case is not very edifying. It is not a very good recommendation of the higher strata of society to those less well-off and there is not much sympathy for anybody in it. In present it is briskly proceeding and the Army of Council are raking in huge fees.

CASE SETTLED

London, Later.

The Cunningham-Reid case came to a sudden end, to-day, just when the public was beginning to enjoy it. Presumably both sides thought that there had been enough dirty linen washed and if there is to be any more laundry work it is to be done privately, so far as the dispute over cash is concerned. The other legal proceedings to which I have alluded will be taken in due course.

Not a word was stated in Court as to what the settlement was except that the Judge remarked "I don't think, in the circumstances, I need say anything except that I congratulate the parties on having agreed to end what I can only regard as very unfortunate litigation." Counsel made it quite clear that neither side alleged undue influence, fraud or dishonesty.

Capt. Cunningham-Reid was in Court but his wife was not. On the previous day on the best American lines, the papers were beginning to describe the "Court Scenes". I might as well give this little passage which shows the sort of thing everybody was warming up to:—

"Expensive, eccentric little hats from Bond-street and Paris were swept from their wearers' heads and trampled underfoot, and the gowns of couturiers, including Sir Stafford Cripps, K.C., were torn in scuffles as women rushed the doors of the court. The corridor was thronged with expensively dressed women queuing for admission; row upon row of pink, Persian lamb, and silver, close as a noose, behind slight and auburn-haired Mrs. Cunningham-Reid.

WORE NO JEWELS

She wearing the plain black tailored cloth coat in which she first attended the court on Tuesday, would have been passed over as a millionairess for any one of a dozen other women who sat as spectators. She wore no jewels but a double pearl ring on her marriage finger, and a broad diamond clip gripping her black felt, close-fitting hat.

Two rows behind sat her step-mother, Lady Mount Temple, wearing blue-tinted spectacles, a magnificent silver fox fur collar to her coat and a trimming of the same fur on her upturned black hat. Mrs. Cunningham-Reid, her eyes dark and weary, her skin pale, scarcely touched by make-up, slipped on occasional glasses of water as she listened to the cross examination of her husband and long legal arguments which filled the greater part of the day's hearing. Now and then she scribbled on a writing pad aimless little designs, which she tore up and threw away immediately.

Captain Cunningham-Reid in the afternoon was joined by his mother, who, having worn a cape of silver fox, whom he kissed as she entered the Court."



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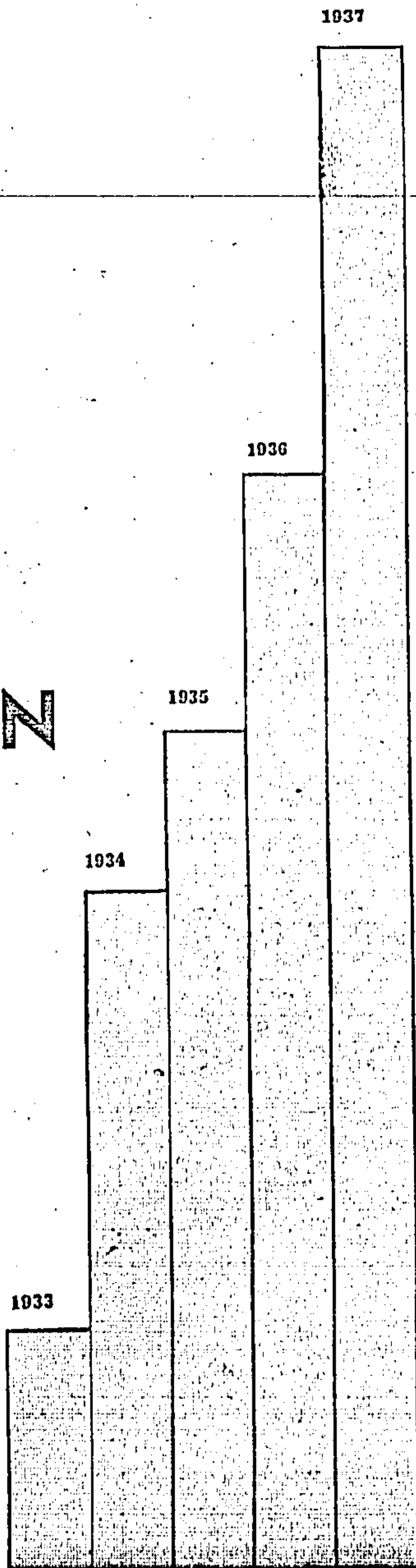
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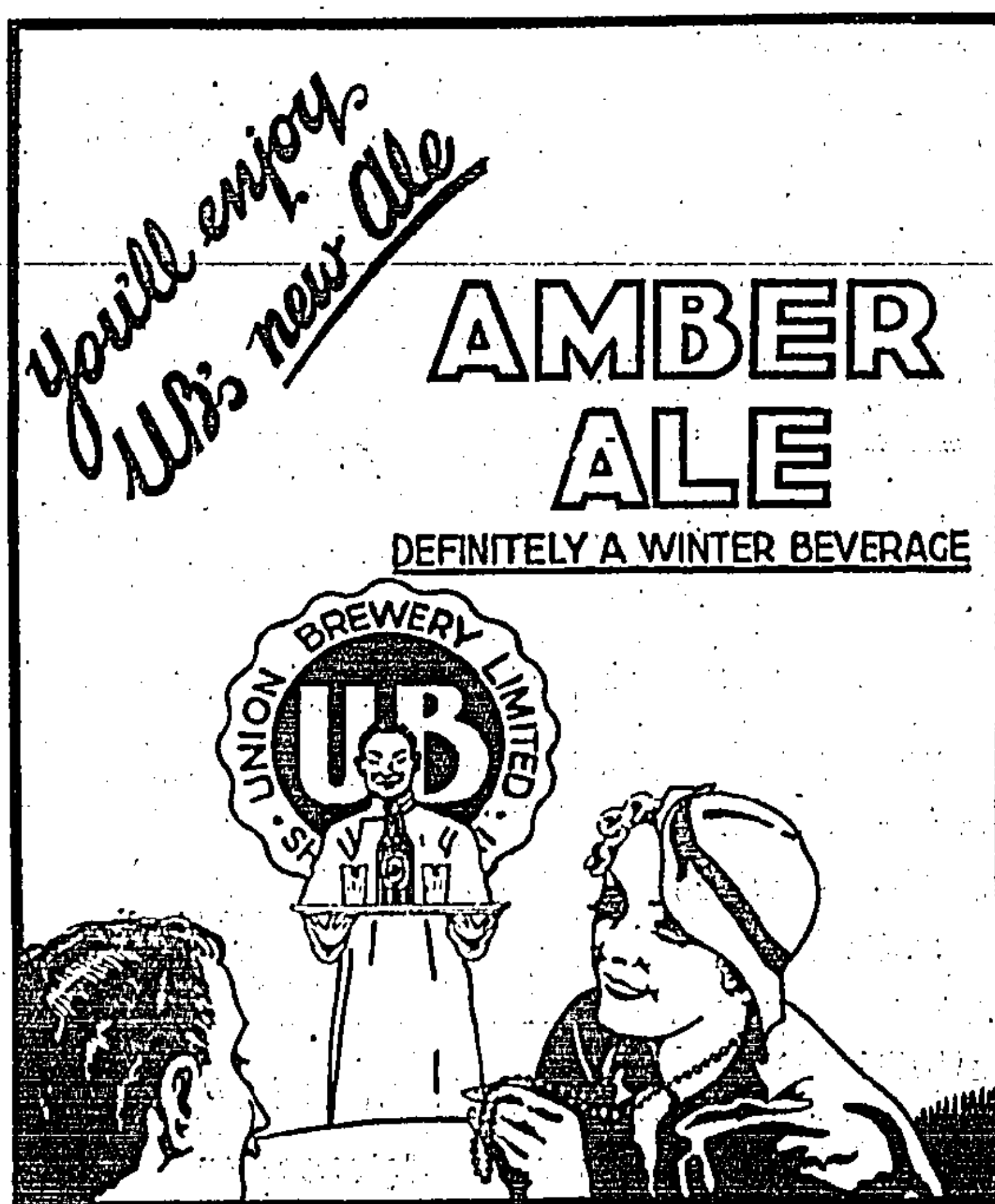
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Book On Nazis Smuggled Here In Cakes

A MANUSCRIPT THAT WAS SMUGGLED OUT OF GERMANY INSIDE TWO "WHOPPING BIG" CAKES IS PUBLISHED IN ENGLAND TO-DAY.

IT IS CALLED "DOWN OUR STREET" (GOLANCOZ, 10/6). THE AUTHOR IS JAN PETERSEN.

Mr. Petersen took his life in his hands when he wrote this book. It is a fearful indictment of Nazi terror as well as an heroic story of the underground struggle against Hitler.

Nearly all its incidents were noted down as they occurred, and the author lived in daily peril of being raided by the Nazis.

This is how the manuscript came to be smuggled out of Germany:

"The author was to all appearance crossing the frontier to go for a few days' sick-leave. He had a rucksack and the customs officer asked him what was in it.

"Oh, nothing much," the author was quite obviously embarrassed.

Then, in a burst of confidence: "Well, you know what women are, don't you? I told my wife I was only going away for three days, but she would go and bake me two whopping big cakes."

"The official took a quick glance at the two golden brown cakes and smiled understanding. 'That's all right. Why, my wife's just the same,' he said.

"The manuscript had been baked in the cakes."

REORGANISING THE ARMY

1938 TO BE YEAR OF CONSOLIDATION

8-GUN BATTERIES A POSSIBILITY

It is unlikely that there will be any startling changes in Army organisation during the coming year, unless the War Minister, on presenting the Army Estimates, makes any fresh announcement about changes in recruiting or terms of service, says Major-Gen. A. C. Temperley in the Daily Telegraph.

There have been in the past two years very great changes in organisation, and the foundations have been laid of a big programme of re-equipment. So 1938 may be regarded as a year of consolidation, and it will not be before 1939 that we are likely to see fulfilment.

Infantry brigades have now been completely reorganised on a three-battalion basis. They still have approximately only one Bren machine-gun per battalion, but mass production has now started and we may expect that the greater part of the first Infantry Brigade will be equipped with its full complement of these guns on a scale of one per battalion by the end of the year.

MORE MECHANISATION

The Mobile Division has again been reorganised and will now consist of two brigades of mechanised cavalry, each composed of three light tank regiments and one tank brigade. The two mechanised Infantry battalions have been withdrawn from the cavalry brigades and now form part of the divisional troops. The first cavalry brigade at Aldershot is now receiving its vehicles.

It will not be possible for the Mobile Division to do anything more than elementary training this year. The divisional artillery is completely mechanised, and the question of organising the battery on an eight-gun basis, instead of six guns, is now being considered. It is thought that the introduction of wireless has made it possible for the brigade, rather than the battery, to be the fighting unit.

As soon as the Regular Army receives an adequate supply of the new weapons for training purposes it is expected that the issue to the Territorial Army will begin.

The shortage of men for training will continue to be felt acutely, as drafts for the units on foreign service have to be at full strength. If any establishment has to go short it is the home one that must suffer. The intake of recruits has latterly been very much more hopeful, but a great deal more will have to be done to make up the present shortage.

City Forgets Good Deeds In The Great Plague

BOSHAM, ancient Sussex village, is annoyed at what it regards as an ungrateful attempt by Chichester Corporation to deprive it of privileges granted to it by Charles II. for coming to the aid of Chichester in the time of the Great Plague.

Among those privileges were exemption from mooring dues and the right to shoot wild duck.

Now Chichester Corporation is promoting a Bill to put into modern language rights which the city claims to hold by ancient charters and tradition.

Bosham regards this as an ungrateful interference with its own

EMPIRE NEWS

CALCUTTA'S SOCIAL SEASON

There was the customary brilliant scene on the Calcutta racecourse this afternoon, when the Viceroy, the Marquess of Linlithgow, and the Governor of Bengal, Lord Brouncker, drove in state between cheering crowds to see Mr. Edward Esmond's Fastnet win the Viceroy's Cup, India's premier classic.

Calcutta, reaching the climax of its sporting and social season, to-night saw a spectacular ball at Government House, given by Lord and Lady Brouncker. It was attended by the Viceroy and a number of Indian princes.

To-morrow the final of the Indian polo championship between Bhopal and Jalpur and the final of the Indian golf championship between T. S. Prosser, last year's runner-up, and D. Archer will take place.

Tiger Terrorists Village.—It is reported from Gauhati, Assam, that a whole village is terrorised by a man-eating tiger. Two peasants have been killed in 48 hours. The villagers are keeping to their huts, and the authorities have ordered their hunters to search for the animal.

India's First "Black-Out".—India's first "black-out" practice will take place in Bombay on Jan. 4, when observations will be made to determine effective measures to be taken in the event of air raids. The question of protection against bombing and gas attacks from the air is now under consideration in all big cities in India.

British Soldiers Injured.—Several British soldiers have been injured—some critically—in a fight between members of different units at a Lucknow dance hall.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICA

RECORD YEAR FOR REVENUE

The year 1937 has created a record for the revenue of the Union of South Africa. For the first eight months of the current financial year revenue was over £1,500,000 higher than for the same period last year. For the period April 1 to Nov. 30, 1937, revenue totalled £26,277,378, compared with £24,086,297 during the same period of 1936.—Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND

FLYING-BOAT AT AUCKLAND

The Imperial Airways flying-boat Centaurus, which left Southampton on Dec. 3, arrived over Auckland to-day at two a.m. G.M.T. The Centaurus covered the 1,300 miles from Sydney to Auckland in 55 hours 55 minutes. She landed at 2.44 a.m. G.M.T., and received an enthusiastic welcome from civil officials and a large crowd.

The flying-boat is engaged on a survey flight for a new Empire flying-boat service.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA

FREIGHTER ON THE ROCKS

The crew of 30 have been taken off the Melbourne freighter Saros, 3,304 tons, which went aground on Christmas night in a fog on the rocks off Cape Everard, Victoria. It is feared that she may be a total loss.

The Saros was carrying a general cargo from Geelong to Sydney. She is owned by Australian Steamships Proprietary.—Reuter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph,

Sir,—I have to smile, sometimes, when I read the letters in your correspondence column complaining about a ten or fifteen per cent. increase in rent.

After nearly two years in a certain room in Kowloon, my monthly rate for room and board has been increased by \$50.00 within the past three months. Total of \$2-1/3 per cent. It would have been increased by \$80.00 per month except for the fact that I rebelled at the lack of proper notice; which, coupled with the fact that there was a temporary lull in business, caused the landlord to weaken slightly.

The first increase was imposed while the influx of Shanghai refugees was at its height—a neighbourly gesture to show those good people that the ordinary things in Hongkong were not going to be denied them. After a slight lull, another golden shower came along when the crew of a liner were forced to seek shelter for a few days. Then some troops arrived and departed with a consequent clamour for transient accommodation. This seemed to be positive proof that prosperity was no longer just around the corner, but was actually here to stay.

Unfortunately for us who have to reside here permanently, the South China situation has caused widespread apprehension and refugees are pouring in on nearly every train. Hence, up goes the rate again—because the traffic can do nothing else but bear it.

Looking around for a reason for all this, I found that there have been no increase in the local assessment values for taxation purposes. There has been no increase in the annual licence tax for the operation of business. Water, electric and telephone rates have remained stationary. There has been no increase in labour costs except the natural increase due to the difference in cost of a skeleton staff and a full staff of employees.

It follows, then, that if a fair rate for the room had been based on an average percentage of occupancy, there should be no good reason for an increase in the rate when the establishment is constantly full. On the contrary, the "overhead" per room should be greatly reduced, and the returns to the management should be greater. Is it not logical, therefore, to give the permanent guest the benefit of such a change, and let his rate remain the same as before? He has certainly assisted in paying the overhead when times were not so good.

Admittedly, there has been a slight increase in the cost of foodstuffs, but certainly not enough to warrant an increase of 33-1/3 per cent. for board alone. The preparation and serving costs should be lower than before if the basic principle of "quantity production" is to be believed—that the greater the number of units served, the greater the profit per unit because of the enhanced purchasing power and greater and quicker turn-over.

Another small item that tickled my fancy was the sale of coal by the bureau, a most unique way of disposing of it. Up to the present, a bucket of coal of approximately 25 pounds, had cost me 50cts. (approx. \$4.00 per ton). But coal has increased from approximately \$22.00 per ton to \$27.00 per ton, or 18 per cent. Therefore, from now on, I must pay 75 cts. per bucket—a 50 per cent. increase. The trouble is that it is cold and I must have heat.

An electric heater which was supplied gratis heretofore (because it was necessary to grant minor concessions to secure "guests a few months ago") has now become another item of income to the landlord—it will now cost me \$10.00 per month.

It would seem, therefore, that the poor souls who are chased out of their parts of China are solely responsible for these conditions; because, when calm and placidity reign, the permanent guest is a much-sought-after person. But, when the terrors of war drive a man's family—his wife and children—to seek the sanctuary of a neutral land, it is then that the Shylocks (and no offence is meant to Jews) discard their robes and come out in their true colours.

Of course, I could move—but where? That part of the mathematical calculation had already been figured out for me before I was requested to "cough up."

C'est la guerre.

ROBOT THAT SPEAKS AND EATS MYSTERY OF "RUPERT"

Shrewd observers were mystified after watching a demonstration at the Savoy Hotel, London, by a figure which its sponsor, Mr. Albert Creuziger, calls "Rupert the Robot."

"Rupert" greeted the company with a polite "How are you?" but said nothing further. For 20 minutes, however, he strutted about the platform, removed his hat, ate a sandwich, poured himself a drink, sat on a chair, stood up again and bowed.

Mr. Creuziger asks for a written indemnity against all consequences from anyone wishing to shake hands with the figure or to make too close an inspection of it.

FITNESS TEST FOR CARS

ROAD SAFETY MOVE IN NEW JERSEY

FIFTY PER CENT. FAILURES

New York.

With the object of increasing road safety, a scheme to subject 1,000,000 motor-cars and lorries in the State of New Jersey to rigid tests to determine their fitness to be driven on public highways, was started yesterday at 30 special testing stations established by the authorities, says a correspondent.

Much public resentment has already been expressed, not only because a fee of 2s is charged for the inspection, but more so because more than 50 per cent. of the vehicles examined to date have been rejected. The tests include:

Checking steering-wheel. Examination of Springs. Tone of horn. Brakes. Lighting system. Windscreen wiper. Alignment of headlamps.

Faulty lights and badly adjusted brakes have caused the greatest number of rejections to date.

If a car is judged to be satisfactory a label to that effect is pasted on the windscreen.

Severe penalties, including a possible prison sentence, are provided for defiance of the new law.

SURPRISE FOR CIVIC HEAD

In many cities the mayor was the first to drive into the testing station, and in more than one case this dignity emerged with a red face, his machine having failed to pass the tests.

All applicants, regardless of their position in the community, were subjected to the same tests, and in many cases machines used by such public officials as chiefs of fire departments, vehicle bureaus and police captains failed.

Two amusing cases of rejection involved cars driven by the President of the local Safety Council and a well-known lecturer on road safety.

In many cases battered old bone-shakers which had been driven as much as 100,000 miles emerged with flying colours, while sleek 1938 models were turned back.

ACCUSED OF BLACKMAILING BRIDE-TO-BE

Accused of demanding money, by menaces from a girl who was to be married a few days later, Samuel Walter Vale (42), salesman, was remanded in custody at Highgate recently.

Mr. H. A. K. Morgan, prosecuting, referred to the girl as Miss A. and to her fiancé, "who was well known," as Mr. B.

On November 29, he said, Miss A. received a letter reading:

"I see you have just announced your engagement to Mr. B. Unless I receive £25 by December 1, at the address below, I shall inform Mr. B. when he returns of your liaison with another unknown to your fiancé, and also inform your parents of certain associations between you and Mr. B. and one other."

The money, added the letter, was to be addressed to A. B. Pierce, c/o the Edgware Road Post Office.

"CLEVER GIRL"

The police were informed and a letter was sent as directed, police keeping watch.

Mr. Morgan alleged that Vale called at the post office, but apparently became suspicious and said to the clerk: "The name is Pierce."

Miss A. received another letter, reading: "Dear little clever girl.—No doubt you thought you were being clever in having the police watch for me. I know the ways of women."

"It will now cost you £35. You must bring the cash yourself. Unless you bring it I shall wait somewhere for you with a little bottle and shall make you lose your good looks."

Mr. Morgan said Vale was arrested on a charge of false pretences and then admitted the other charges.

Baron Birdwood Of Anzac

I hear that Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood, who was made a peer in the New Year Honours, intends to take the title of Baron Birdwood of Anzac and Totnes.

His retention of the family name will give pleasure to the troops who served under him in Gallipoli and in India. They all knew him as "Birdie," and since the announcement of his ennoblement hopes have been widely expressed in military quarters that he would retain his present surname. Australia will be particularly pleased that their war-time Commander-in-Chief is adopting Anzac as part of his territorial designation. Totnes in Devon is the Birdwood home town.

Sir William Birdwood is the senior military officer at Court. He is Gold Stick-in-Waiting to the King, and the second senior Field-Marshal.

BIG JAPANESE OFFENSIVE STARTS

(Continued from Page 1.)

relieving H.M.S. Tern, which is going to Hankow.—Reuter.

Check To Japanese Advance Claimed

Hankow, Feb. 12.

Chinese claim to have checked the Japanese push on the southern section of the Tientsin-Pukow railway, and assert that the Japanese are busily consolidating their positions. They found the going difficult, the stubborn Chinese resistance and the harassing operations of the guerrilla troops, who have been constantly threatening their communications, impeding the attackers' advance.

Meanwhile Japanese despatches claim that the Japanese successfully crossed the Kwal River at a point where the Chinese destroyed the railway bridge. The crossing is said to have been made in the face of withering fire which the Japanese troops gallantly braved.

The Kwal River at this point has been the scene of intensive machine gun and artillery duels since the fall of Pengpu, and in halting the Japanese advance there so long the Chinese are generally agreed to have acquitted themselves very creditably.

Chinese circles here believe that Japanese troop movements down the Peiping-Hankow railway are designed for defensive rather than offensive purposes. Semi-official Japanese despatches however, state that the Japanese intend to push down the railway with Chengchow, at the junction of the Peiping-Hankow and the Lungai railways as the major objective.

From Chengchow an advance towards Hankow would be a logical step.

Following an intensive artillery barrage, 2,000 former Manchurian troops under General Wan Fu-lin, former Governor of Kirin, are reported to have retreated from positions north of Tangyin. Despatches state that 15,000 Chinese troops are defending Tangyin, the defence of which is expected to provide a severe battle.—Reuter.

NEWLYWEDS UPSET COUNTY

Hickman, Ky. Unstamped official documents piled up while Fulton County Clerk C. N. Holland sought frantically for the county seal. After three days of fruitless search, it was returned by a newly married couple who said they had taken it as a souvenir on their wedding day.

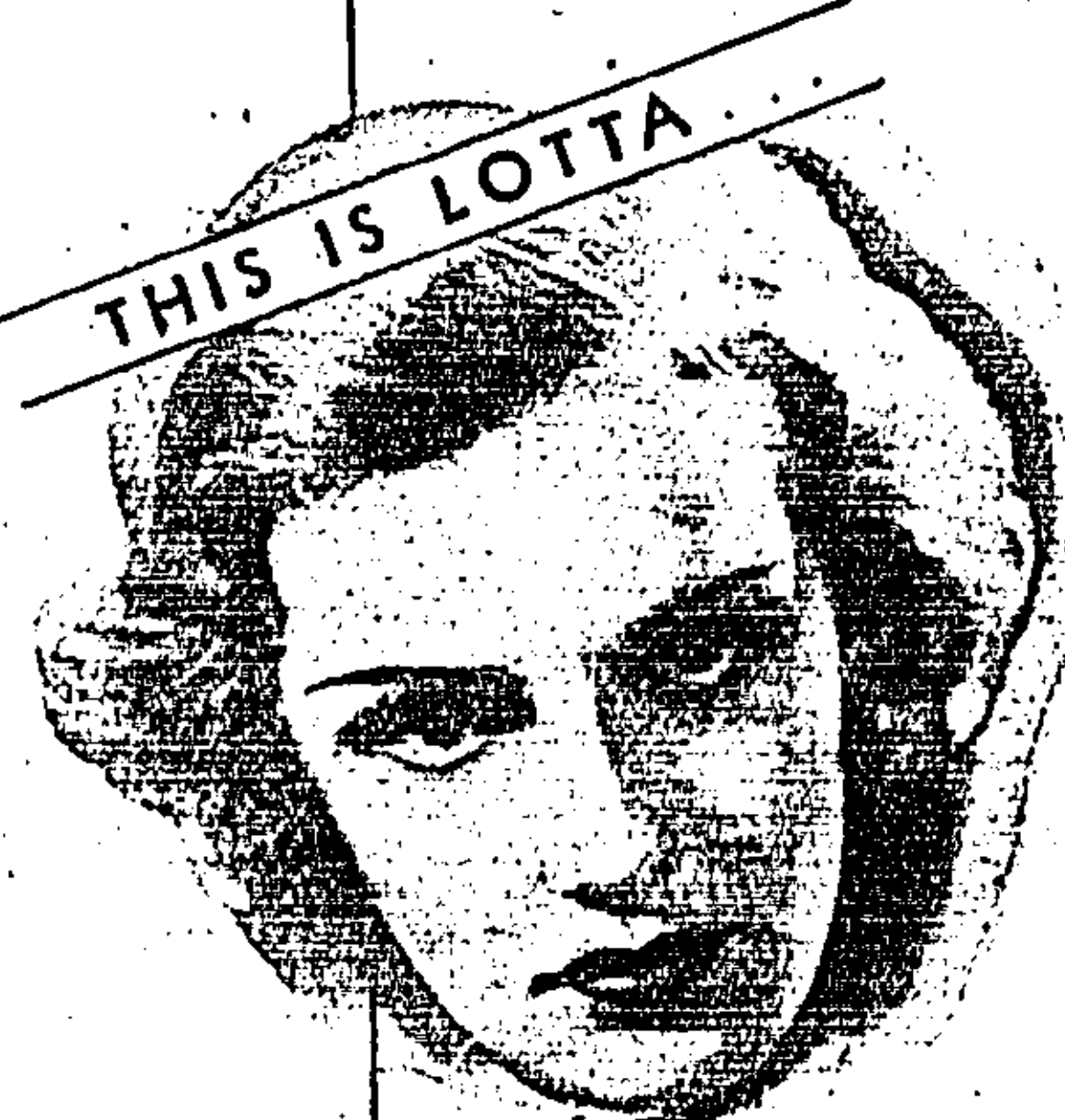
SAVAGES LIKE MICKEY MOUSE

Perth. Mickey Mouse is becoming a veritable missionary among the savages. Explorer Michael Perry, from Western Australia, reports that after taking his camel boy to see a Mickey Mouse film at Kalgoorlie, the boy returned to his tribe, executed the Mickey Mouse dance steps and they immediately were incorporated into a new tribal dance.

KING'S

OPENING TO-MORROW

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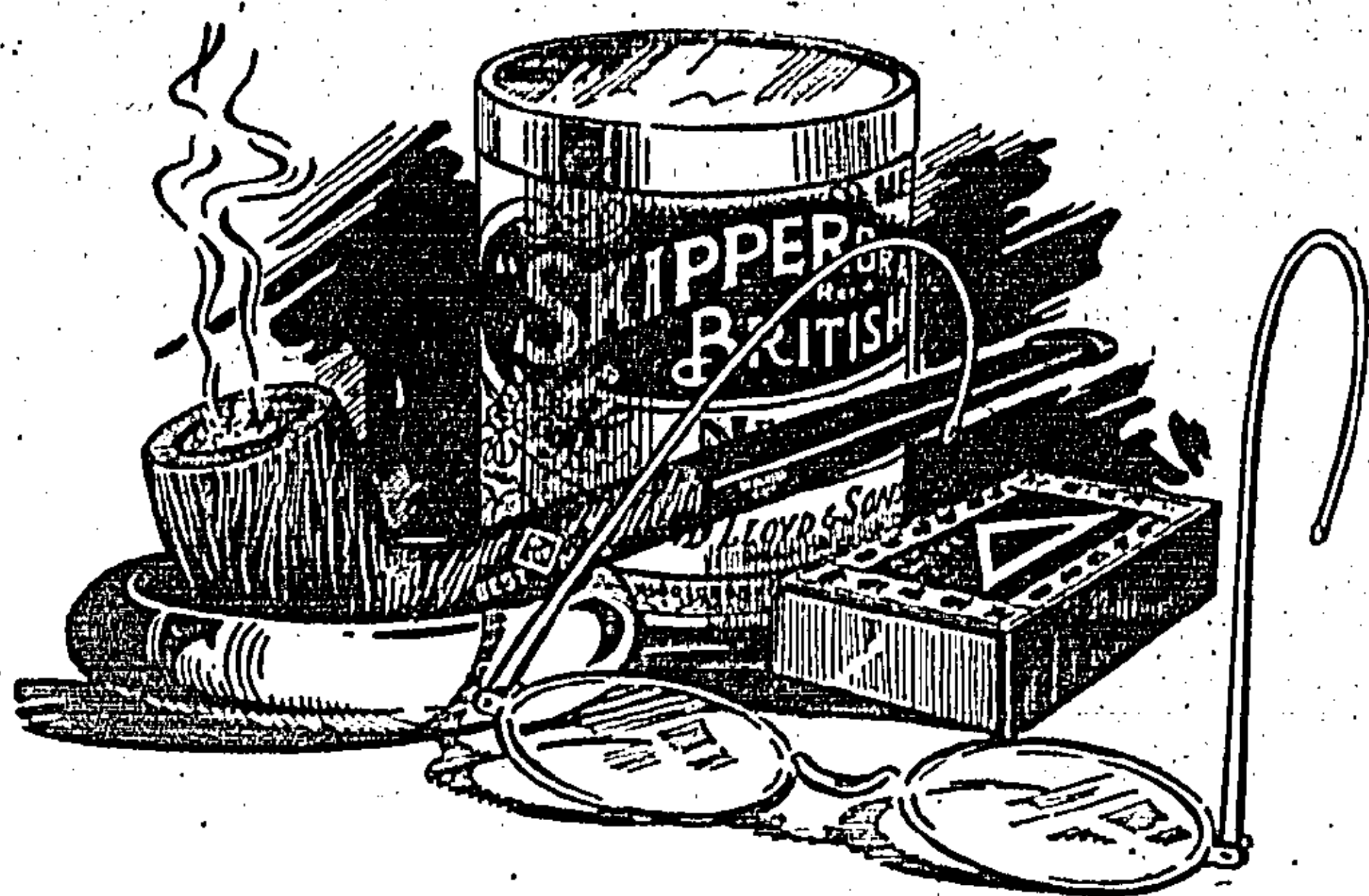
Beautiful beyond words, wise beyond ballet. Fate threw her into a world of brawny, brawling men, among whose women she stood out like a diamond on black velvet. Men! They were hers to command—life or death, wealth or position, father or son. She had but to heed their call. "Come and get it!"

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Georgetown.

AT the peril of their own lives a relief party yesterday started from here to try to reach the four Americans who are marooned on a rocky islet in the Upper Cuyuni River, 150 miles away.

FOOD SECRET DISCOVERY

MAKING THE ENERGY ELEMENTS ACTION OF LIGHT ON WATER

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

How carbon-dioxide and water, two of the commonest substances in nature, can be made, by the action of coloured light, to produce the energy-supplying element in food, was described at the Calcutta Science Congress by Prof. E. C. C. Baly.

Prof. Baly retired last June from the Chair of Inorganic Chemistry at Liverpool University. The process he has discovered reproduces, in the laboratory the natural process by which plants convert carbon dioxide and water into sugars and starches. The scientific name for the process is "photosynthesis of carbohydrates."

Carbohydrates, said Prof. Baly, were the basis of all life. Their mystery had been explained after protracted investigations in Liverpool.

IN TWO STAGES

These proved that the photosynthesis of carbohydrates is achieved in two stages, each of which is promoted by light.

The first stage is promoted by blue light. The product of this process, when acted on by red light, gives carbohydrates.

The laboratory process, Prof. Baly said, appeared to be similar in every way to that in the living plant.

I gather from inquiries in London and Liverpool that the process is still in the academic stage. The syrup carbohydrate has been obtained by Prof. Baly only in very small quantities. Its "food" value has not been tested. The process is also comparatively expensive.

Apart from its scientific value, the discovery may have an enormous importance commercially and industrially.

The marooned party, who are known to be in desperate straits, were stranded while trying to penetrate the trackless jungle of British Guiana in search of Paul Redfern, the U.S. airman who disappeared ten years ago.

Travelling up the Cuyuni River is extremely dangerous at any time owing to submerged razor-edged rocks, vicious falls and dangerous suck-tides.

Tremendous loss of life is caused yearly, and it is always difficult to get boatmen to make the trip.

Since the party started yesterday heavy rains have caused every river in the Cuyuni and adjacent areas to be flooded.

Even if the relief boat succeeds in making the journey it is doubtful if it can reach the party before Wednesday.

The four people marooned are Theodore Waldeck (the explorer), Mrs. Waldeck, Wm. Astor Chandler and Dr. Frederick Fox.

STARVATION DREAD

One of the native porters who has returned to civilisation declares that when Waldeck tried to lessen the rations this was resented and he told all who were in dread of starvation that they must return to Bartica for provisions.

[Bartica is a town at the junction of the Mazaruni and Cuyuni rivers.]

Of 17 boatmen, two, he says, remained with the marooned party.

He doubts the possibility of the relief expedition succeeding as the trail boat with provisions would, in his view, make the front boat uncontrollable.

[The search for the lost airman Redfern is due to a story by an Indian that some years ago an Indian tribe saw a big bird come from heaven and that when the bird broke its wings a white man came out.]



Motifs for new fashions recently shown at the Pan-American fashion show at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York were gathered from native costumes. Here is a striped silk ensemble of play suit and wrap-around based on a Colombian theme.

MOTHS' ORGIES REDUCE FRUITGROWERS' LOSSES

Experiments with cheap wine, locally known as "pinkie" and which approximates "red biddy", have proved it a means of destroying codlin moth, the most serious of pests, among fruit trees in the orchard country around Bendigo, Australia.

The wine is broken down with water and placed in receptacles under the trees. The moths are attracted by its aroma, and after one glorious orgy, die. Serious losses caused by the moth are being considerably reduced, says *Austral News*.



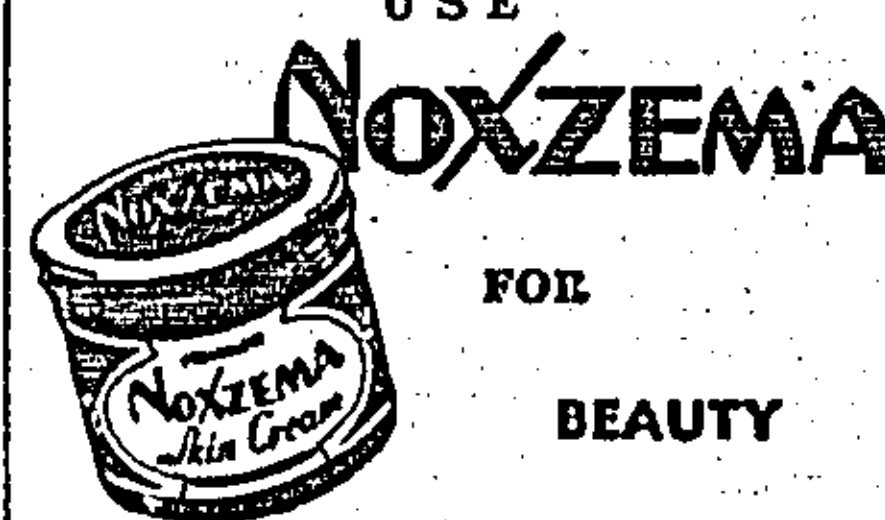
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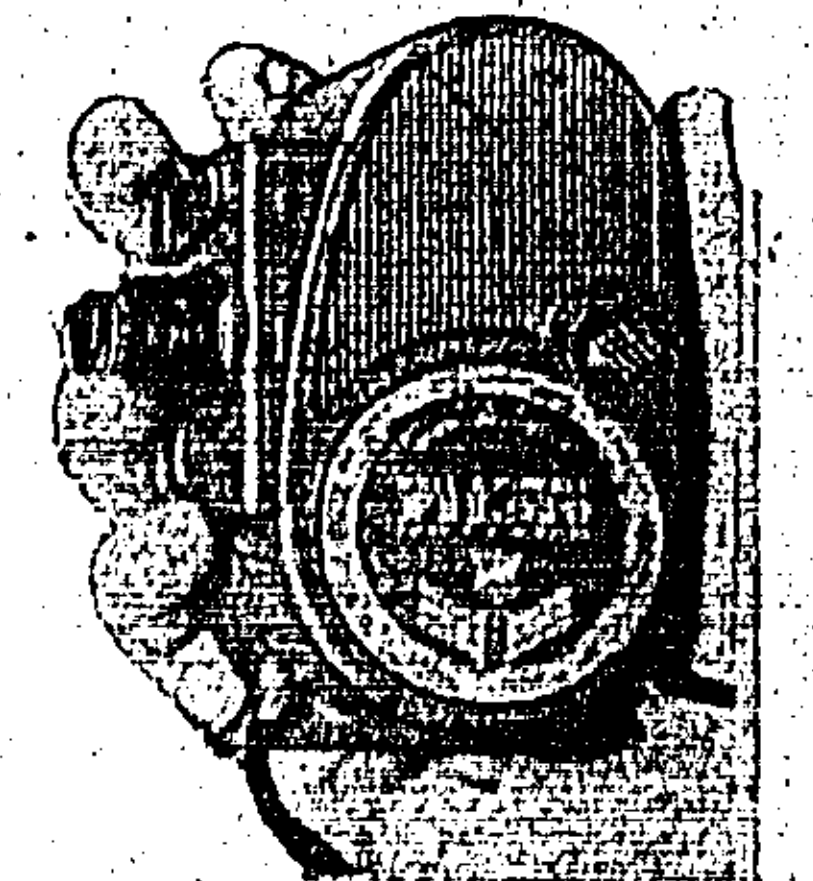
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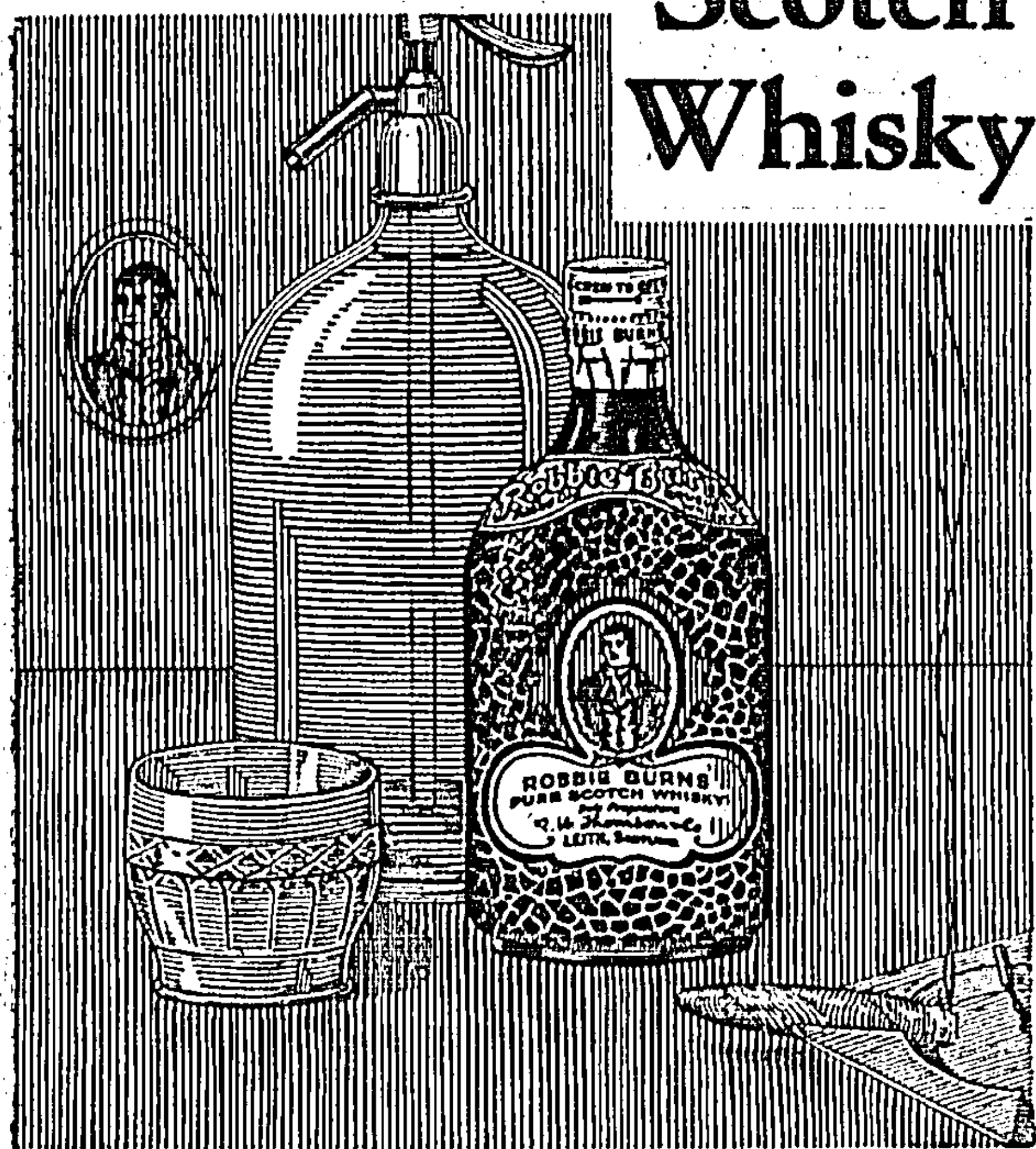


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BISHOP TO LEAVE HIS PALACE

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FOR the first time in 100 years the ancient palace of the Bishops of Oxford at Cuddesdon is empty. It is too ancient.

Because of this and its comparative isolation the new Bishop, Dr. Kenneth Kirk, has decided not to live there.

The palace, which has seven reception rooms and 29 bedrooms, was rebuilt in 1664, after being burned down. It was last brought "up to date" by Bishop Wilberforce—in 1846.

MAJOR TOO GAY TO BE REAL

Paris. The adventures of a gay impostor have ended abruptly in a Paris police station. His name is Lucien Georges Drouin and his speciality is to pose as an army officer.

For several months past he wore the uniform first of a captain and then of a major in the French Army and posed in the Paris suburb of Boulogne as a staff officer.

ON PARADE

During this time he: Inspected detachments of the mobile guard on duty during the recent strikes; Held a parade and inspection of the Boulogne gendarmes; Called on the commander of the Paris firemen and got a place in the corps for a young friend.

Inspected the artillery depot at Fontainebleau and sent two field guns to be repaired at the Creusot works; Bestowed the Cross of the Legion of Honour on a town councillor. The end came when the local commissioner of police noticed that Drouin spent too much of his time in

The kitchen is without modern equipment.

A further reason for the palace's present emptiness is the inaccessibility of Cuddesdon. Although the village, which is seven miles from Oxford, has a fine church and a theological college, on three days of the week buses do not call. On two of the remaining days the last bus from the village is at 4 p.m.

"As a centre for interviews," states Dr. Kirk announcing his decision in the Diocesan magazine, "the palace is virtually useless."

MOVED TO OXFORD

His predecessors dealt with the situation by having a room in the Diocesan Church House at Oxford, and he is carrying that a step further.

He has transferred the entire secretarial and administrative side of the bishop's work from Cuddesdon to Oxford.

Dr. Kirk was formerly Canon of Christchurch and at the moment is still in his rooms at the college.

His secretary will be in attendance throughout the day at the Diocesan offices and so far as it is possible for a bishop to keep "office hours" he hopes to do so.

But if it is possible to bring the palace up to date Dr. Kirk will be glad to carry on the old tradition.

small wine shops drinking with shady characters. Drouin was watched and when arrested he confessed.



EXPLORE!—Lovely Osa Johnson, explorer, widow of the late Martin Johnson, who she arrived in New York after nearly five months in East Africa. She made about 100,000 feet of movie film for a picture based on the lives of Dr. David Livingstone and Henry M. Stanley. Her leg, broken in the plane crash fatal to her husband, gave her trouble on cold nights.

New Star 5 Times Size Of the Sun

New York. A star so big that if it were placed at the centre of the solar system it would engulf the earth and all the other planets as far as Uranus has been discovered through the 40-inch telescope at Yerkes Observatory, Wisconsin.

Announcing this as one of the most exciting astronomical discoveries of this century, the Chicago University Astro-Physical Journal says that the three scientists, led by Dr. Otto Struve, Russian-born American, who found the star have named it "Epsilon Aurigae." It is a double star, five times bigger than the sun.

Sir Frank Dyson, former Astronomer Royal, told the News Chronicle that he knew Dr. Struve's scientific reputation, and had no doubt that his observations were accurate.



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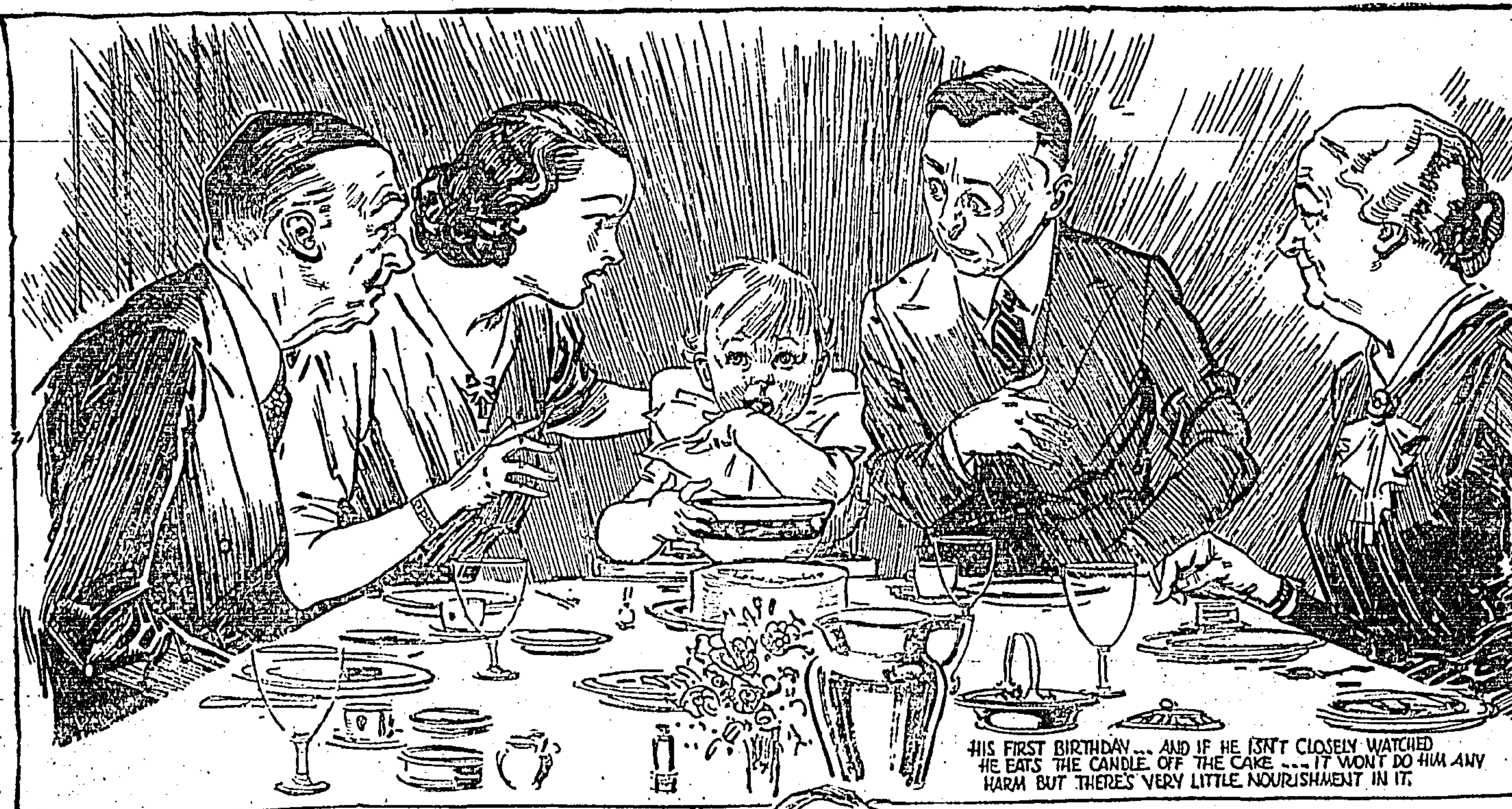
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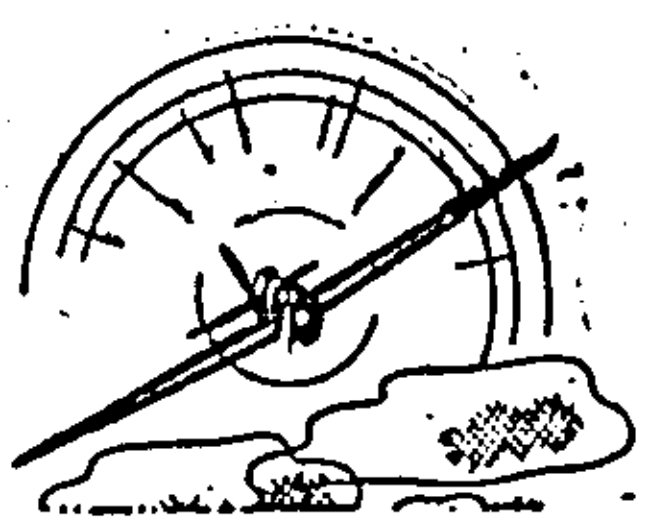
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The
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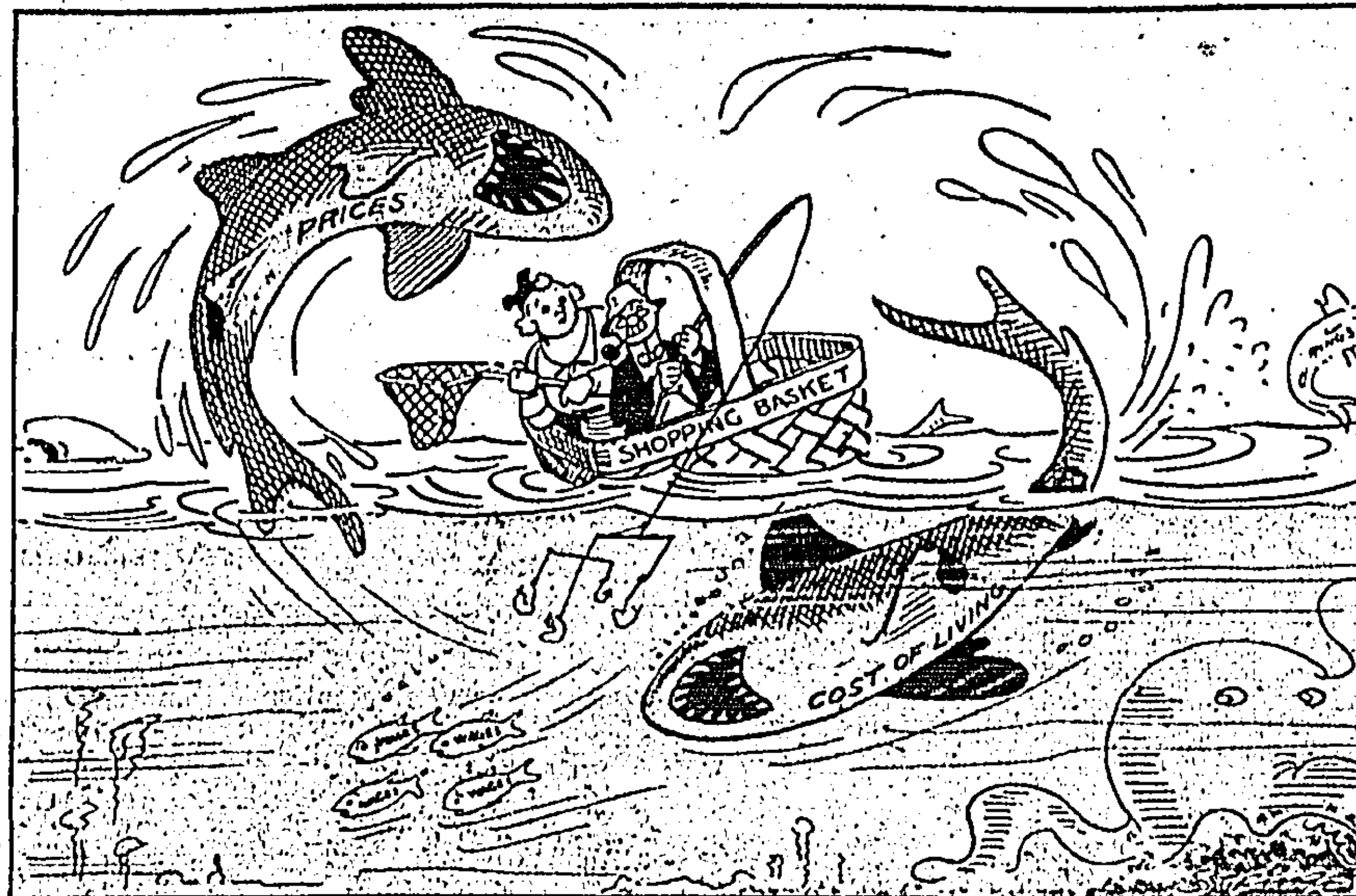
TERRORISM IN SHANGHAI

By a series of crimes of the most revolting brutality an allegedly pro-Japanese element in Shanghai appears to be attempting to discourage critics of the actions and policies of Japan. The display of the heads of the victims of this incredible campaign of terrorism will perhaps dismay those persons who are accustomed to the freedom of speech that goes with democratic government. For there is no reasoning with these self-appointed censors who punish with death the expression of opinions which do not conform with their own.

But we must still speak with caution on this subject for there is no proof of the source of this horror, no positive evidence that it is instigated or inspired by Japanese or even pro-Japanese. It may be the work of some madman; and indeed it seems it must.

By what specious argument anyone could convince himself that the cold-blooded murder of political antagonists would silence criticism, it is difficult to imagine. Murders of vengeance or of hate are more comprehensible; they may be all a part of war. By killing a man may remove one enemy; but he will not stifle animosity. Rather he will nourish it. Rational minds will recognise that by such crimes as these perpetrated in Shanghai Japan's cause is damaged seriously. For that reason it is almost incredible that patriotism, even of a fanatical order, should fall into such error.

It is Japan's intention to subdue by force that element in China which insists upon independence, the respect of sovereign rights and nationhood. Japan seeks to destroy opposition, and finally, presumably when there is no spirit of resistance in the country, to try to make friends with the survivors. It is hard to visualise any lasting friendship built upon such



BASKETING SHARKS

—Strube in the Daily Express

T. PAUL GREGORY WRITES OF CHINESE NEW YEAR BALLADS—

THE whole first moon is a season of joyousness to the Chinese; for it is the period when the year begins anew, and life enters a new stage of progressive development.

It is the month which heralds the Spring, and soon the birds of the southern provinces will be busily engaged in building their nests.

There is an air of expectancy throughout the whole month, and the Chinese delight in making it a season of song.

Throughout the length and breadth of the land travelling singers may be met. For a copper they will entertain the hearer with some of the old songs which have delighted generations of the Sons and Daughters of Han.

Amongst these peripatetic singers are some of more than usual interest.

One of these is the man who specialises in the chanting of a species of rustic ballad known as the *lung-chau-koh*, or "dragon boat song." This individual is generally a rustic from the country districts and usually makes his appearance in the streets of the city shortly after the New Year.

In Hongkong, he is quite a popular figure amongst the Chinese masses who delight in his improvisations. He may be distinguished from other peripatetic singers of Chinese ditties because he carries over his shoulder a long pole surmounted by a model of a dragon boat, about a foot long, complete in every detail down to the tiny carved figures of the men with long slender paddles, which they grasp as if they were actually endeavouring to propel their craft through the water. This individual announces his presence in the streets by the crashing reverberations of a brazen gong followed by the

foundations. Co-operation might be enforced through fear; but as long as there is a spark of defiance it will be an unwilling and cold hand that makes the pact. And it is certain that not by bomb-throwing and threats will Japanese secure the goodwill and approval of the foreign nationals in Shanghai or elsewhere.

In the present crime crisis it is certain that the responsible Japanese authorities will work wholeheartedly with the international police in Shanghai to suppress all terrorism, whether it is pro-Japanese or pro-Chinese or pro-some-other-thing.

methodical *rat-a-tat-tat* of a small Chinese hand drum.

Let us presume that he has been prevailed upon to render a series of verses from his extensive repertoire. It is probable that he will choose for his first effort the following:

"Loh-kwo heung, ch'ui-kaai yau
Tsz-moot yi-yun mok ta-tau
Fung-fung lei-shi chaak lung-tau
Lung-tau lung-mei cheung fuk-shau
Lo-shiu ping-on to paak-t'au"

"The drum beat is heard, come ye into the streets to ramble
Sisters don't quarrel with one another
Packets of 'lucky money' are stuck on the dragon's head
Dragon's head, dragon's tail—happiness and long life from them flow
And old and young enjoy tranquillity until they turn to silver grey."

THERE are many other rustics who make their choral talent a source of extra income during the course of the first moon.

These individuals pass from door to door and sing one or other of their verses of felicitation—not necessarily their own composition as the familiar

street-singers of old London—but rhymes which are known to every Chinese, and being thus familiar are all the more treasured.

When heard at this time they invariably awaken a warm and responsive chord in the kindly Chinese heart, and scarcely any individual will refrain from tossing a copper to the humble singer. One of the most commonly heard of these seasonal songs is the following:

"Tim-cheuk tung, paai tai-shan
Po-yau te-toi toh chuan ngan
Chuan to tai-ngan hei tai-uk
Nin-nin ts'eng chuan tai-fa-tang
Fa-tang luk-luk-chuen
Faan-kwai p'a lung-shuen
P'a tak faai, ho shai-kaai
Kuk-mai yau-p'eng
Tsai-nul yau faai-tai"

"Light the lantern, and worship the great gods
Beseeching them to aid daddy in earning more money
If he makes a great deal of cash he will build a big house
And every year he will hire a big coloured lantern (to hang before him)

The coloured lantern goes round and round
The "foreign devil" paddles the "dragon boat"
If he paddles fast, there will be good times ahead
Both grain and rice will be cheap
And the boys and girls will quickly grow up."

WHY SHOULD I MARRY?

I AM 24 years old; I earn \$400, I am very happy—and I definitely don't want to get married! Why should I?

Yet whenever I tell other girls that the thought of a husband contains no thrills for me, they think I'm crazy.

But what is there in marriage which would justify my throwing up my present life of hard work, good fun, and security?

For my life at present does represent security to me. That is the point which those who can't understand my philosophy fail to consider.

I know exactly what life means to me now—and it means more than enough to make me feel that the world is never a boring or an unhappy place—as it seems to appear to so many young wives.

I know that from Monday until Saturday 11pm-time every week I have to work. But I know my work from A to Z and I enjoy it. And although I know how to cope with things from A to Z that does not mean that each week's work is the same as the previous one.

I know that I have a large circle of friends, a smaller circle of good friends, and a still smaller circle of very good friends without whose company my life would seem pointless.

leads to an insecure, unhappy existence, in which both parties long in their hearts to confess to each other that the whole thing was a terrible mistake.

But they have taken the step on which every woman's heart is supposed to be set from an early age, and they won't admit defeat. Well—maybe I'm a freak because my heart is anything but set on getting married.

I'm not going to throw away the substance for the shadow. Because I'm sure it is a shadow.

D. H. K.

BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

"Dog Fights Over Hankow" reads a newspaper heading. What about the cat fights over in Kowloon?

Clouds certainly have a silver lining for aviators these days.

Now that McWhirter has had his say about cricket, we are awaiting R. Abbit's commentary on curling.

It's really curious how some people get shirty over a tie.

THE "VERY IDEA"

"FINE TO-DAY, COOLER TO-MORROW"

AS THE MAGISTRATE SAID WHEN KELLY WAS WARNED NOT TO APPEAR AGAIN

By Eddie ("Dewdrapp") Kelly

A NEMOMETER, ain't a nature grand!

To-day we are going to tell you something about weather. Weather you like it or not.

We were reading last week that the most brilliant display of the aurora borealis in living memory has just been seen in England.

The aurora borealis is caused when an isobar fuses.

It happens once every eleven years, and is associated with sun-spots. Sun-spots are sometimes referred to as freckles.

(Do you know, we think there must have been something wrong with that fish we had for d'jinn. We always find that it's better to eat fish that you've caught yourself.)

ALL WET

Eh? Oh, weather. Weather comes in squalls and monsoons.

We once had a friend who thought that a monsoon was a Scots boy whose voice was beginning to break.

The best climate in Hongkong is on the Peak, but you have to be somebody before you can climate. Freezing point is usually found in Hongkong above 1,800 feet.

Frost is often seen on the Happy Valley Race Course.

(We're sure there must have been something wrong with that fish—although it tasted all right. A man of our age can't be too careful about his diet. We know a man who, after he had eaten radishes, used to belch so frightfully that he could never keep his hat on. He got a job as a fog-horn eventually, but the work was only casual.)

A SAD TAIL

But we were discussing weather. Comets are sometimes seen in Hongkong. A photograph just taken by a French astronomer reveals a shocking breach of decorum by Encke's Comet, which came into view with its tail towards the sun. It just shows that they will comet anything these days.

Kee is often a danger to navigation in Hongkong, especially when it is mixed with whisky and gin and other meteorological phenomena (Golly!)

Hail is most frequently seen during the summer months. There are several different kinds of hail, including Pale Hail, Evro Hail, Tiger Hail, etc.

(You know, you don't see how one little plateful of fish could make a man feel like this. It might have been the radishes. Radishes do play up with you. Ever tried pickled radishes? They're awful. Pickled onions are different.)

OFFICIAL FORECAST

Listen, we've got the hiccoughs. We'll tell you more about this weather business to-morrow. We're going to PRESS now, and there's a storm brewing in the Editor's office. We always seem to be late with our copy.

Don't forget. To-morrow. Dieu Et Mon Drought, and all that.

These war clouds in China look pretty cirrus, don't they?

(It must have been the fish! It couldn't have been those three glasses of rum and milk we had just before we came to the office.)

D. H. K.

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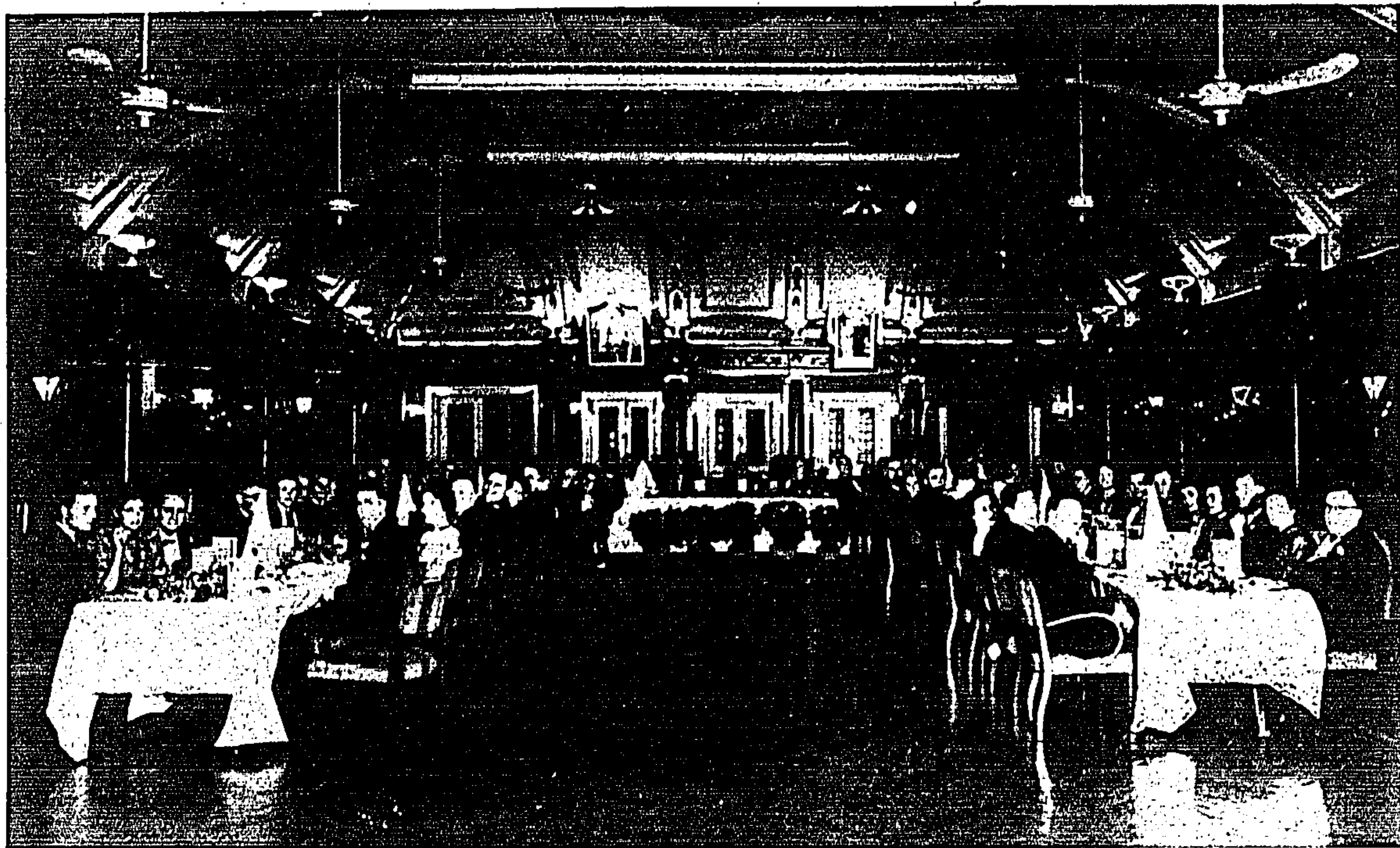
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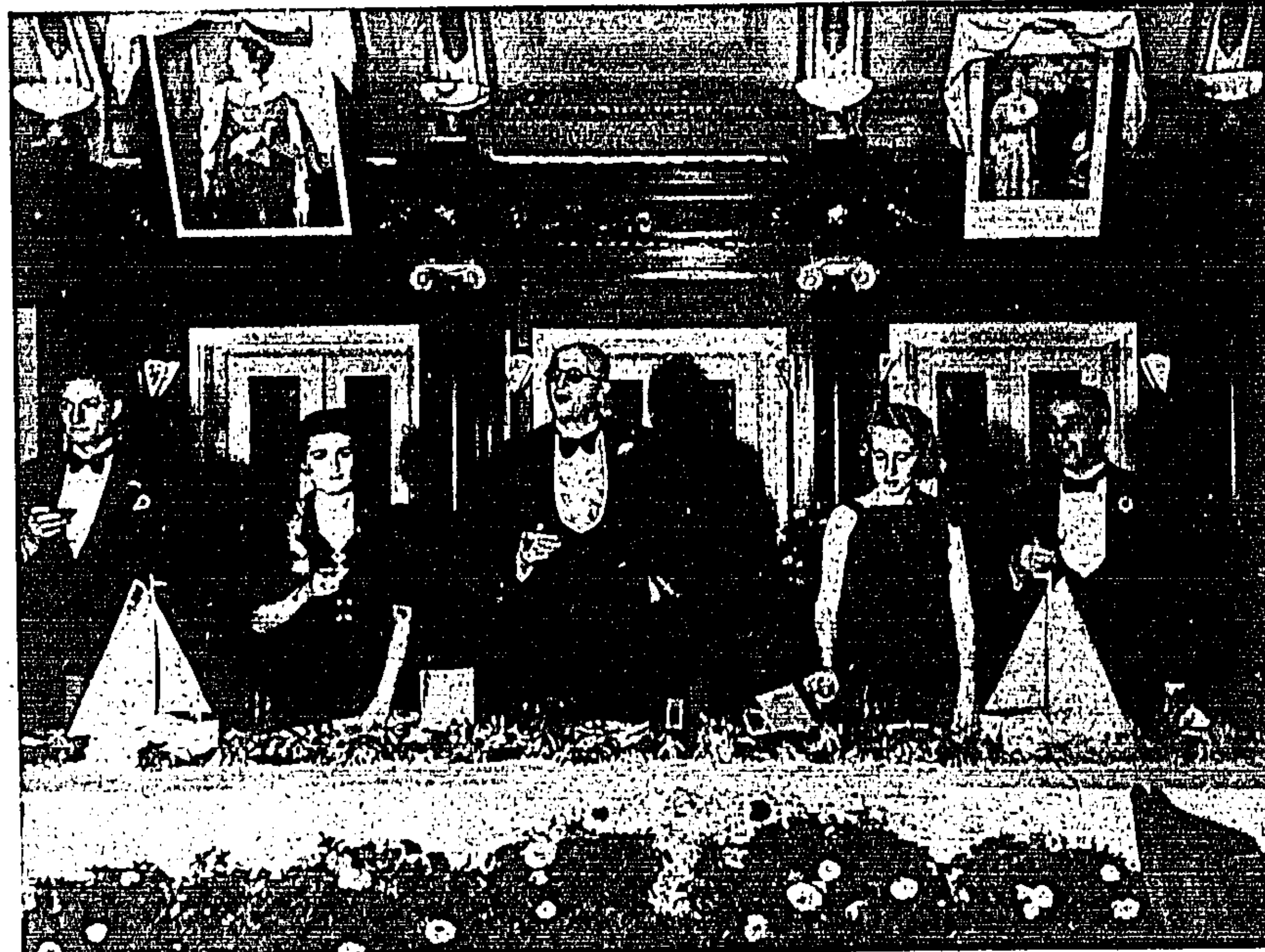
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DUTCH COMMUNITY CELEBRATES ROYAL BIRTH



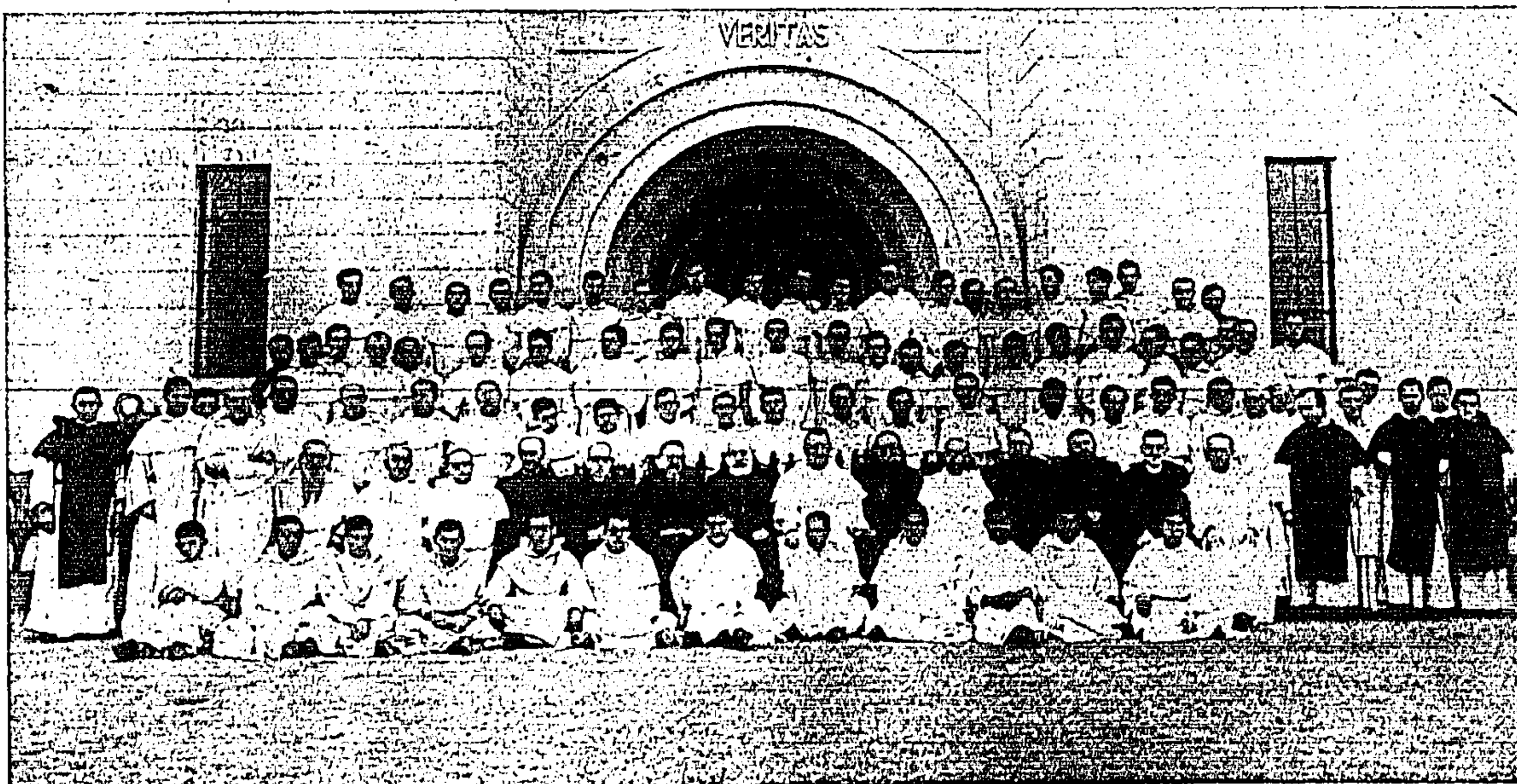
THE DUTCH COMMUNITY of Hongkong fittingly celebrated the birth of a daughter to Their Royal Highnesses Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard with several parties, chief of which was the Dinner at the Hongkong Hotel.—Kobza, Photo.



THE CONSUL GENERAL of the Netherlands, Dr. F. A. van Woerden, proposing the toast of the Royal Couple at the dinner held by the Dutch community last week in celebration of the birth of a daughter to Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard.—Kobza, Photo.



MR. J. HOVEN, Manager of the Netherlands Trading Society, addressing the guests at the dinner held in honour of the birth of a daughter to Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard.—Kobza, Photo.



THE MOST REV. FATHER E. S. GILLET, Superior General of the Dominican Order, with some Church Dignitaries and the Community of Dominican Fathers at "Rosary Hill," Hongkong.—Yim Fong Studios.

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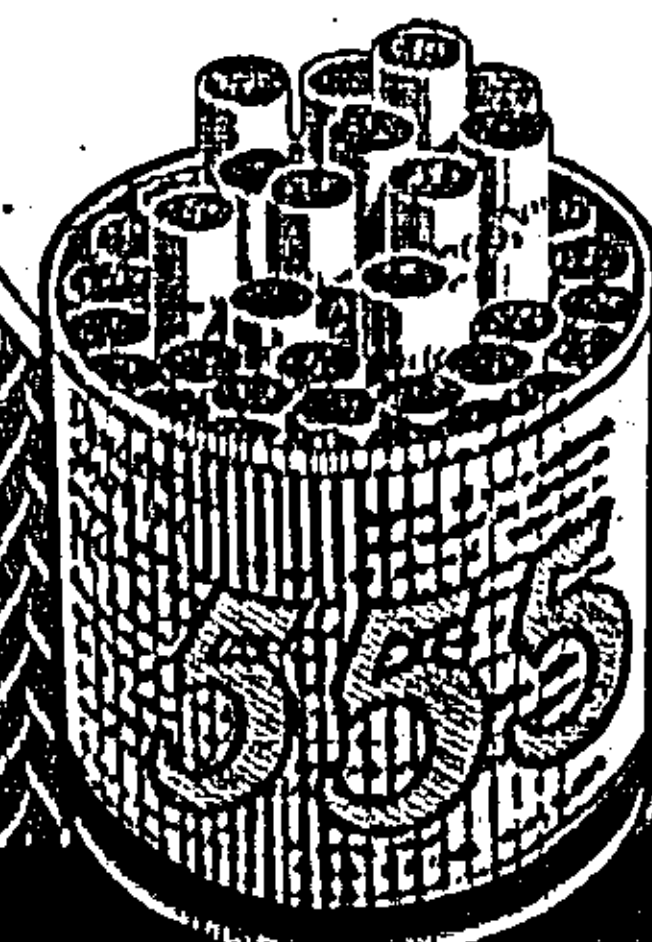
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Say 38
before you
lose your
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by
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DOUGLAS**

IS there any way of mastering time so that 1938 will end in triumph instead of defeat? Can we make the most of each day?

Can we manage our lives so that we may be able to say on January 1, 1939, we have kept half our good resolutions? Can we reduce the wastage of our hopes?

Is there any method of turning our annual sense of failure into an annual sense of success? Some of us will die this year. If we knew the date of our death we should be acutely time-conscious. We should try hard to use the morsel of time left to us.

Therefore we must invent a way of being time-conscious all the time, and not merely now and then.

I HAVE invented a new way of being time-conscious. It is so simple that any of us can try it, the oldest as well as the youngest. I am trying it on myself, and if I am lucky enough to be alive at the end of 1938 I promise to report the result with ruthless candour.

In the first place, I will take time by the minute hand each day and live as if it were my last day. How can I work this miracle?

By saying to myself these two words, "thirty-eight," when I catch myself in the act of failure. A day of defeat will be honestly recorded in my diary.

I assume that an almost perfect day is well within my power. I know my own horrible defects as well as anybody can know anything. I conceal them from myself, but by saying "thirty-eight," I can strip myself and stand naked before my own conscience.

Tongue-control is hard, but if you say "thirty-eight" before you speak foolishly or cruelly or unkindly you will soon tame your tongue. One day of tongue-control is a victory. Temper-control can also be thirty-eighted. No thirty-eighter should lose his temper.

HATE is hard to slay, but it can be slain if you say "thirty-eight" before it breeds its vipers in your mind. Hate nobody! Start the business of hate slaying with those you love. Don't hate your own folk. "To be worth with those we love do work like madmen in the brain."

Before you hate an enemy reflect that your hate hurts you more than its object. It is your thought that creates hatred. No enemy is as black as your hate.

YOU can cure yourself of all your faults by saying "thirty-eight" before you are beaten by them. Do not say it aloud; say it in your mind.

If you smoke too much, ration your smokes. If you are tempted to break your own tobacco laws, say "thirty-eight" and you will win.

If you drink too much, teach yourself to be temperate by saying "thirty-eight." There is no bad habit which cannot be overcome by this self-made vow.

Selfishness is curable. If you are on the verge of being selfish say "thirty-eight." Selfishness is suicide.

Here is a good mnemonic—At my back I always hear Time's winged chariot hurrying near.

Say it after you say "thirty-eight." You may think that thirty-eighting is a silly game. You may regard it as a bore. But there is more fun in it than you imagine, for it makes every day exciting.

Who fears to speak of "thirty-eight"? Only those who have given themselves up as a bad job. If you try the game of thirty-eighting you will be scoring heavily if you win fifty-one per cent. of your aims. Victory is seldom more than that. It gives you control.

The blacksmith
at Gretna
Green has
a rival...



"Hang on, kids! Daddy is going to step it up to 85, now."

Just
Invented—

MORE than 35,000 applications for patents in Britain are made by inventors every year. Last year there was a 50 per cent. increase over the previous year in inventions dealing with warfare.

During the last few weeks patents have been obtained for:

A jug with a tube beneath its lip. After pouring, the last drops of liquid run down the tube and back into the jug—instead of down the side of the jug and on to the tablecloth.

A new process for making collars stiff when they are laundered.

An apparatus to filter the air in an air-raid refuge.

Transparent seals for milkbottles.

A new method of keeping up trousers—with a belt inside them instead of outside.

A lid to fit all kinds of milk-jugs—and protect the milk from germs.

Comic face-masks, with modelled and plastic appearance—yet which pack flat when not in use.

A windscreen without supporting pillars—so that the driver may have an uninterrupted view.

An improvement on the present coloured-paper-on-string method of scoring birds—by the use of metal foil instead, which cracks, will not deteriorate, and shines in the sunlight.

SOLUTIONS

Week-End Problems

PROBLEM I.

ETCHINGS

Blatherskite bought 39 etchings—15 at 10s. each and 24 at 25s. each.

PROBLEM II.

INTRUDERS

(1) Parolles has intruded from All's Well That Ends Well.

(2) Gonerril, from King Lear, into Cymbeline.

(3) Adrian, from The Tempest into The Two Gentlemen of Verona.

(4) Balthazar, from Romeo and Juliet, into Hamlet.

(5) Clenna, from Julius Caesar, into Antony and Cleopatra.

Match Problem

Our office mathematician declares that the farmer must pay 2,147,483,637 matches—which, at a penny a box of 50, would cost—well, perhaps you would like to work this one out, too!

Minute Mystery

Fallacy is that the fact that the clock pointed to one o'clock does not necessarily indicate the time of the murder. The clock might have stopped before it was shot, or the murderer might have set it after shooting it.

So Collins could have shot Smith between nine and midnight, during which time he had no alibi.

Dead Sir Hozekiah

These were the two mistakes:

(1) There were no fingerprints on the fountainpen. Yet what prospective suicide would leave fingerprints on his revolver, but take the trouble to remove them from his pen?

(2) Olliphant "put his pen down hurriedly." And—not stopping to think—put it down on the right-hand side of the desk. Yet he was supposed to have been writing with the left hand.

GRETNNA has a second "priest" and an old monopoly has vanished.

A local rival has set up business in opposition to the gentleman who has for a number of years acted the role of the obliging blacksmith.

It is odd that competition has been so long withheld.

But the money in it has not been considerable, even with an average of 250 marriages a year. A fee of £20 once paid in recent times was a solitary exception. The profits have been brought in by the sale of souvenirs to tourists.

No legal reason exists why there should not be a dozen smithies in Gretna all open for wedding ceremonies, with a "blacksmith" in each of them.

Equally might the girl behind the counter of the local sweet shop announce that she was prepared to act as priestess and provide a handsome certificate as evidence of the ceremony.

Gretna Green seems to be for some people what striped trousers and the hats are for others. Why so many should find a smithy more romantic than a sheriff's private office is a problem in psychology.

The proceedings in a Scots "irregular" marriage call for a warrant authorising the registration.

Properly regarded, a sheriff should be just as glamorous as a blacksmith.

THAT the ceremony at Gretna ties the knot there need be no doubt. Plenty of litigants have found that out, even some who protested that they were under the influence of drink when they made their vows.

A few lucky ones have been able to convince Scottish judges that they were only having a lark. But a judge of the Court of Session takes a lot of persuasion to share in jokes other than those he makes himself.

Yes, a Gretna wedding is binding as a "consensual" Scottish marriage so long as "the qualifications" as to residence in Scotland have been regarded.

One or other, or both, of the parties must have been resident in the country for twenty-one consecutive days immediately before the marriage. Or else one or other of the parties must have had his or her usual residence in Scotland.

This latter provision is particularly to suit the case of a sailor or soldier who may be making a brief return to his own land.

GLASGOW does about ten times the business in irregular marriage that is done in Gretna. There were forty-eight such marriages on New Year's Eve and there were 2,410 in the year.

The colloquial term general in Scotland is an error. These people were not "married before the sheriff." Nor were they married by the registrar.

By Scottish law they married themselves—by the interchange of consent before they went before the sheriff.

That is why the Gretna glamour is absurd. For, legally speaking, Gretna gives no more authenticity to a wedding than Ecclefechan or Auchtermuchty. The top of Ben Nevis would be just as legal.

In days when eloping princes and countesses had none of the facilities of the register office Gretna served a purpose.

Such fanciful recollections of the past are not to be despised. Its values having changed, the Ministry of Transport might collaborate with a few road signs indicating to tempestuous motorists and bus passengers "Danger of Hasty Marriage Ahead."

ARE YOU SURE?

- 1.—A lutanist.
- 2.—Insects.
- 3.—Naples.
- 4.—300 farsae miles.
- 5.—Juno (Lady Jane Grey).
- 6.—Blue and White.
- 7.—Maestro-maestri.
- 8.—A dialect.
- 9.—Resistance—should be resistance.
- 10.—Discase of the eye.
- 11.—Introduce the man to the woman.
- 12.—1940.
- 13.—Off the coast of S. America.
- 14.—A great fish.
- 15.—1941.
- 16.—Lisbon.
- 17.—Malacca Strait.
- 18.—Major-General.
- 19.—Seven.
- 20.—New Guinea.
- 21.—Four.
- 22.—Last Tuesday.
- 23.—1921.
- 24.—Nickel.
- 25.—Two thousand million.

Girls' and Boys' Corner

Dear Kiddies,

Lots of very gaily painted entries arrived this week. You chose many different designs and colours—some unusually pretty. In the Senior section, the prize is being awarded to William Oswald Souza (aged 11), of 20 Johnston Road, first floor. William chose a very complicated design and a pleasing colour scheme.

Another boy, Ricardo da Luz (aged 9), of 64, Macdonnell Road, Hong-kong, wins the Junior prize. Your entry was exceptionally neat, Ricardo, and I can see that you have taken lots of time over it.

Will William and Ricardo call at the "Hong Kong Telegraph" offices for their prizes?

Merit Certificates are being sent to Amy Tong, Ho Man-chun, Yeung Kit-wa, Karima J. Khan, Peggy Burton, Monica da Luz (Seniors), Jacqueline Xavier, Heinz Bonhoff and Anthony Cuthbert (Juniors).

Specially commended for good work are the following: Seniors: Yvonne Ho, Frank Horlock, Ada Foster, C. E. Clark, Rosa-lind Cheng, Yessie Cooper, Wong Chiu-yung, Jane Strellett, Pamela Li, Yu Po-chiu, Ho Shuk-chun, Amy Choy, Susan Mo-tak, Mabel Chan, Edith Tan, A. Souza, Fern Ellis, Thelma Pinna, D. Andrews, Maggie Cheng, Eva Grady, Dora Tiu, Yvonne Blackmore, J. Nergaard, Maggie Alves and Joyce Leong.

Juniors: Binkie Niche (is that the correct spelling of your name?), Tootsie Garcia, Lu Po-yat, S. A. Bux, S. S. Bux, Allister Andrews, Robert Merit Certificate.



This is all my own work

Address Age

Name

Ada Foster: Was pleased to receive your letter. I am glad to hear that you now have lots of stamps. Don't give up now though, but keep on collecting as many as you can. Antonio Souza: Your Mexican hat man was very clever and unusual. I am sending you a Merit Certificate for your efforts.

Silmy Albers: Unfortunately, lack of space forbids my publishing your poem to-day. Is it original?

Yessie Cooper: Thank you for your story "Magic Feather." When I have more space I will publish it.

Theresa Souza: I cannot publish "The Brook." I prefer to have original poems and stories.

Seniors, paste or gum, a postcard and a little patience are needed to enter for this week's competition. All you have to do is to cut out the large picture here into three pieces and rearrange it in proper form. Start by cutting out the complete illustration round the outside line then cut in at the dotted line and round the first inside circle. Finally cut through the other dotted line and round the inner circle.

The three sections have now to be turned round till they make the picture as shown in the small drawing. Stick the completed picture to a postcard, fill in the coupon with your name, address and age and send to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hong Kong Telegraph," Wyndham Street. The competition closes at 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Two prizes will again be given.

Uncle Eddie

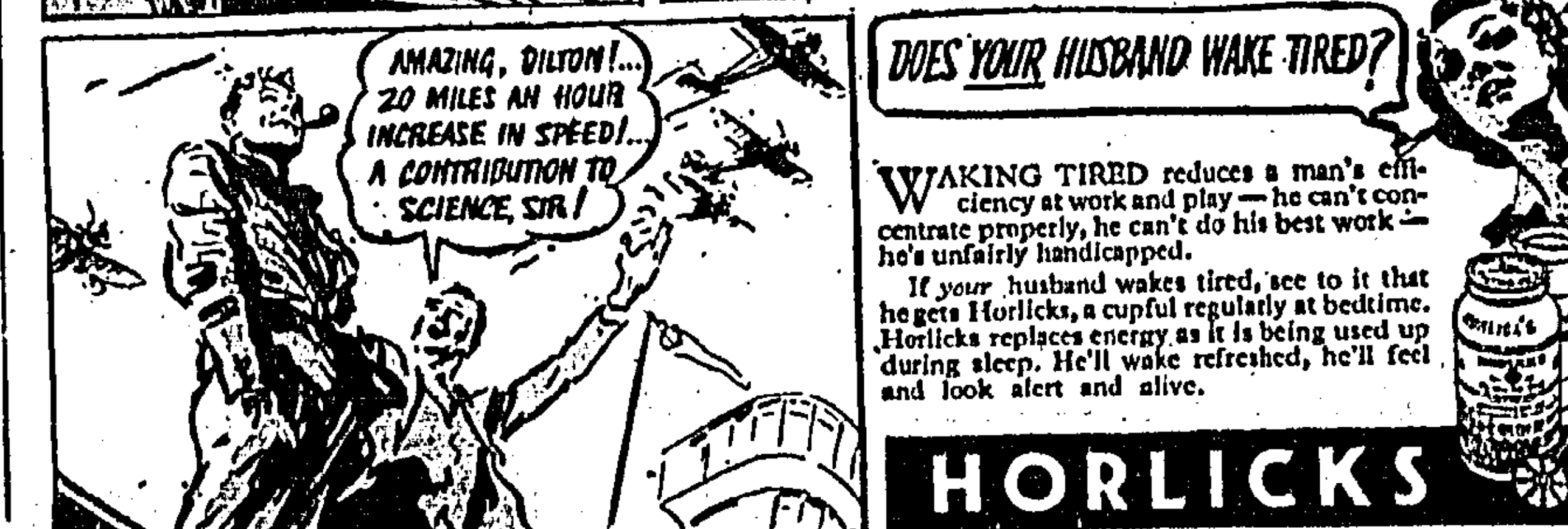
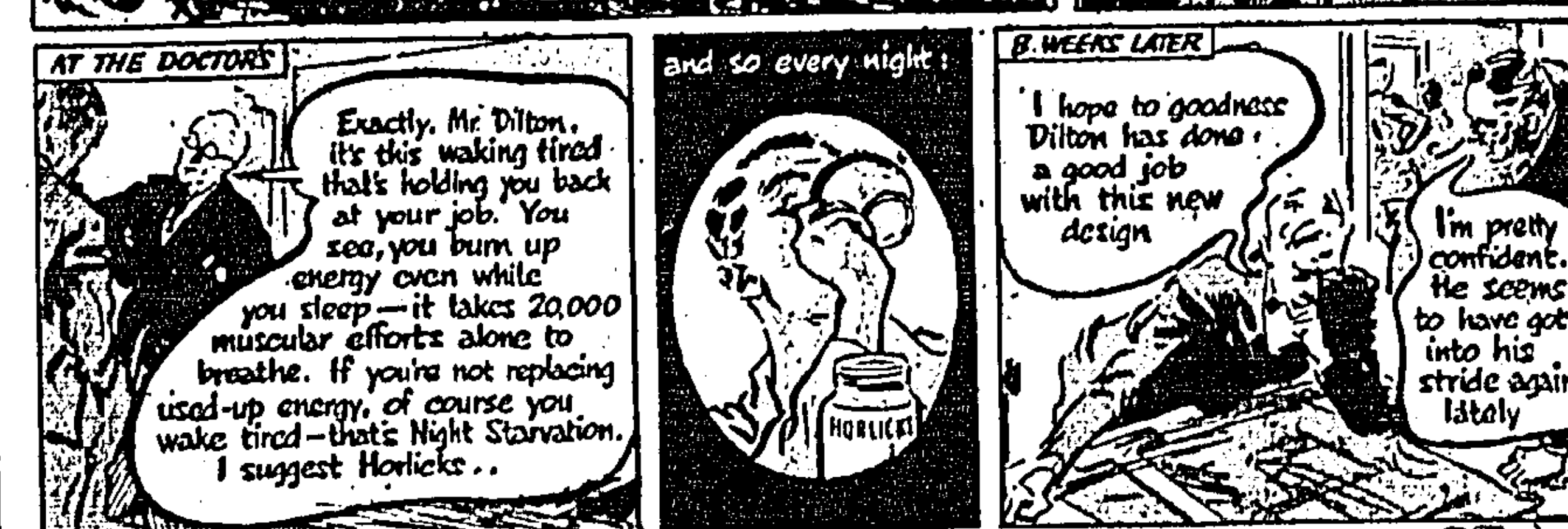
Limerick

—By Allister Andrews. There was a young man named Poole Who was always playing the fool One day in a hurry, he slipped In some curry And that was the end of poor Poole.

Joke

—By Daniel Choy. Motorist (who had accidentally run over fat lady's cat): I'm awfully sorry, madam, but I will replace the animal.

Lady: But can you catch mice?



HORLICKS

NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND AMBASSADOR TO CHINA



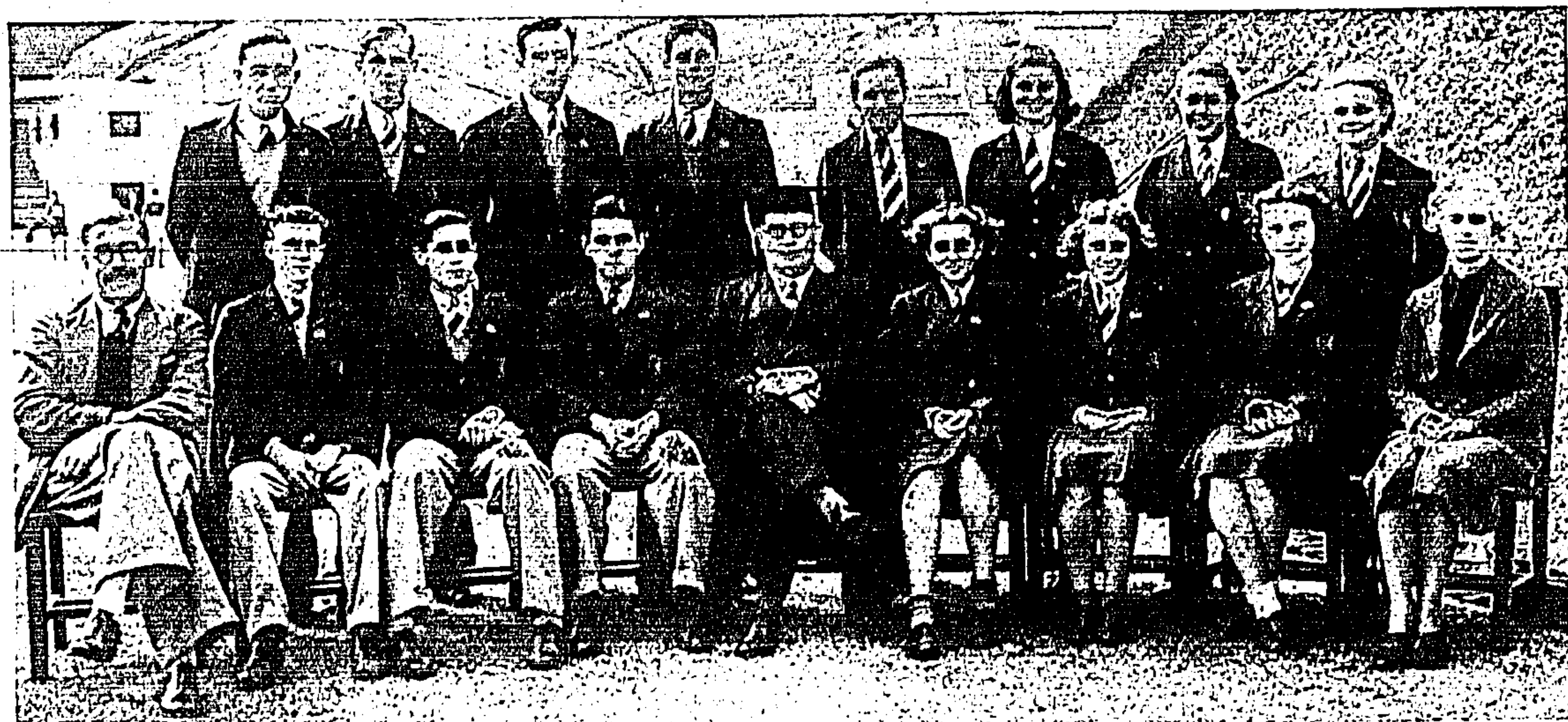
VICE ADMIRAL L. G. E. CRABBE, who acted as Commander-in-Chief of the China Station during the illness of Admiral Sir Charles Little. He is here seen just prior to handing over command to his successor, Vice Admiral Sir Percy Noble.—Staff Photographer.



THE NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, who will pass through Hongkong en route to Shanghai this week. Sir Archibald is shown in this photograph with Lady Kerr, as they stepped from a K.L.M. plane at Karachi.—Karachi News Photo.



THE NEW COMMANDER IN CHIEF of the China Station, Vice Admiral Sir Percy Noble (centre, preceded by Flag Lieut. Franklin, R.N.), photographed as he took over command of the Far Eastern Station from Vice Admiral L. G. E. Crabbe.—Staff Photographer.



PREFECTS OF THE CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL, photographed with their Headmaster, Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell (centre). — King's Studio.



WEDDING GROUP at the marriage last week of Miss Ida Brasilovsky to Mr. Samuel Bercovitch, of Concrete Products Ltd. — King's Studio.



MASTER MENDES, recent prize-winner in the "Telegraph" Children's Competitions.—Photogen.



MAGGIE ALVES, recent prize-winner in the "Telegraph" Children's Competitions.—Photogen.



PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AFTER THE CHRISTENING of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roxburgh. The ceremony took place recently at St. John's Cathedral.—Ming Yuen.

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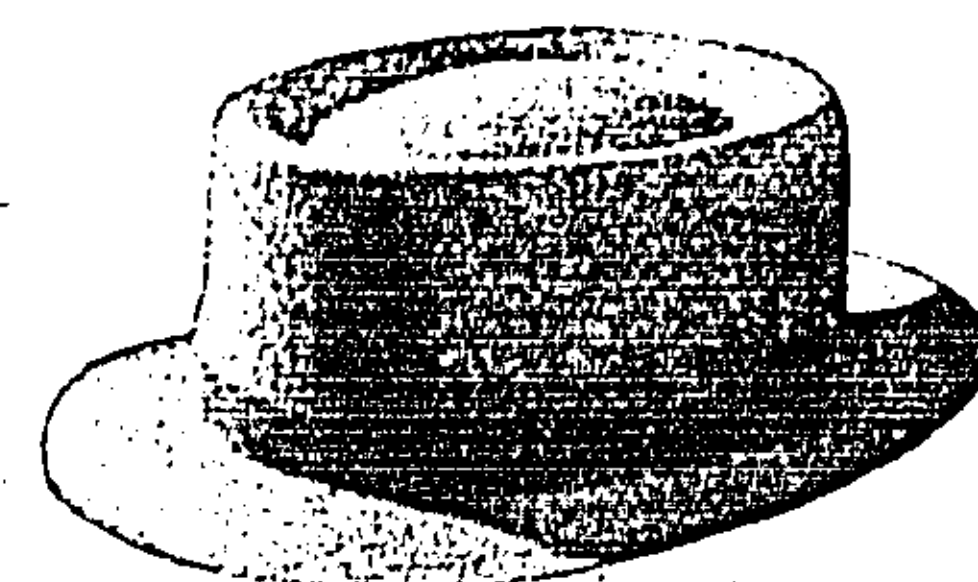
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Duke Of Windsor Freed Jailed Diplomat

LETTER TO BRITISH ENVOY IN SPAIN

HUNT by Scotland-yard for a wallet lost by Sir Henry Chilton, British Ambassador to Spain, revealed how the Duke of Windsor had obtained the release of a Spanish diplomat jailed in Madrid.

Empire News

DEVELOPING NORTH AUSTRALIA

Sydney. The report of the Federal Government committee appointed to examine the possibilities of developing the Northern Territory was tabled in the House of Representatives recently.

The report shatters the illusion that there are vast spaces to be occupied, offering homes for millions of settlers. It is stated that a large part of the territory is useless, and that the utmost that can be expected in the next 25 years is an increase of annual production of £4,000,000, and the population to 40,000.

At present the territory, which has an area of 523,020 square miles, has an estimated white population of about 5,000, and an aboriginal population of 18,000.

According to the report, the suggested increase can only be obtained by building railways from Wyndham on the one side and from Barkly Tablelands on the other, at a cost of £3,500,000; the substitution of sheep for cattle production and the abolition of all income-tax and tariff duties in the territory.

The report points out that Commonwealth expenditure of £16,000,000 in 26 years has increased the population of the Northern Territory by only 2,000.

Air Inquiry Demand.—Following recent crashes of Hawker Demon machines, the Opposition has demanded that the Air Force be "raked from top to bottom" by a searching public investigation. Mr. Thorby, Minister of Defence, has refused more than a secret expert inquiry. The Government, he said, is satisfied that the Hawker Demons are airworthy.

Infantile Paralysis.—The cases of infantile paralysis in Victoria now number more than 1,100. The epidemic started at the end of June.

South Africa

GRASSLAND PERIL

Cape Town. "Unless vigorous steps are taken to preserve the grasslands of South Africa the country is doomed to become desert."

This statement was made recently at Warmbaths, Transvaal, by Dr. Pole Evans, the Government expert.

"Exploitation and neglect of the grasslands," continued Dr. Pole Evans, "have menaced agriculture, increased the cost of living and resulted in a drift from the country to the towns." Grass, he added, was the most important, most precious and yet the most badly treated natural product in Africa.

It was not only in the Union, however, but the world over, wherever man and his flocks had pressed on to the semi-arid grasslands, that these lands had shrunk in size sooner or later and ruin had resulted. It was to the shrinkage of these semi-arid grasslands that the world rise in food prices was largely due.

Miners' Cost of Living.—The mining unions of the Rand have written to the Chamber of Mines requesting that a cost of living allowance be paid to mine employees based on the increase in the cost of living since September, 1936.

Fire in Gold Mine.—An extensive fire has broken out underground in the Simmer and Jack mine on the Rand. All men working underground have been brought to the surface.

Canada

Gaelic in Schools

Sydney (Nova Scotia). Classes in Gaelic, believed to be the first public instruction in that language ever given in Canada, are being held at Sydney Academy.

Gaelic was placed on the Nova Scotia high school curriculum some time ago, but has never been taught until this term.—*Reuter.*

Royal Visit Rumour.—Rumours that the Duke of Kent had arrived at Halifax, Nova Scotia, caused a flood of telephone inquiries recently in newspaper offices. It was reported that the Duke had been seen disembarking from the Cunard-White Star liner Carinthia, 20,277 tons. Several hours elapsed before the inquiry could be convinced that they had either been hoaxed or misinformed.

The wallet, which Sir Henry believes he lost at a cinema in the Haymarket, contained a letter from the Duke asking for Sir Henry's help in securing the release of Don Xavier de Bermejillo.

Sir Henry said recently at the London hotel where he is staying—

"Don Bermejillo was at one time working in the Embassy in London. The Duke and he became friends."

"Recently the Duke heard he had been imprisoned. Thinking he might be in danger of his life, the Duke wrote asking if I could co-operate with our consul in Madrid in securing his release."

"I was able to do this. His letter was in my wallet because it was in his own handwriting, and I valued it."

LOST OR — ?

"The wallet, made of plaskin, I usually carry in my hip-pocket. I've had it for years. Fifty pounds in £5 notes was in one of its pockets."

"I can ill afford to lose so much money. Also in the wallet was a blank cheque signed by Lady Chilton. She gave it to me about two years ago, and I had carried it ever since."

"There is always the danger it may fall into wrong hands and that the signature may be copied."

"I don't know, of course, whether the wallet slipped from my pocket or whether it was stolen."

Sir Henry added:—"The letter from the Duke was not unusual. We receive hundreds like that from people begging us to use our influence in obtaining the release of friends imprisoned."

State Beaches' Changes Told

Scripps Institute Savants Make Reports Before Geologists' Convention

Washington, Dec. 30. Beaches that grow and shrink with the changing seasons were among topics that were highlights of to-day's sessions of the Geological Society of America's 50th annual meeting here.

California's beaches are cut away during the winter and built up during the summer, according to many observations made during the past generation. Studies of the ocean floor near these beaches, reported Drs. U. S. Grant and F. P. Shepard, oceanographers of the Scripps Oceanographic Institution of La Jolla, Cal., show that the sea floor is changed as the beaches advance and recede.

Near Santa Monica the sea floor was built up as the beaches were cut away, while at La Jolla the sea was deepened for at least 1,000 feet from shore when the shore was cut away.

Lakes 40 million years ago in China were much like similarly aged lakes in America and Europe, reported Dr. Ralph W. Chaney, University of California paleo-botanist, who, in co-operation with Hsien-Hsu Hu, Chinese scholar, recently studied the life forms preserved in the sands and shales of Shantung Province.

Climate during the miocene, when these fossil plants and animals were living, was slightly warmer than at present in the same region.

Australian Society Suggested At Singapore Dinner

Suggesting the formation of a Society of Australians in Malaya, at the dinner celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of New South Wales, Professor H. Amon said that the number of Australians in Malaya was second only to those from the Mother Country.

The dinner was one big family, described by the Rev. Sorby Adams as including "Australians, Australians by adoption, and visitors."

There was an excellent Australian menu.

Speeches were short, "coarse" were loud and long, and punctuated the dinner and the dance.

The ballroom, which seated more than 300 people, was typically Australian in its decoration.

There were gum trees in profusion, cut out of aboriginals peeping out of shrubs, and a decorative doorpiece. The bandmen were "sundowners" for the night.

Topping all was a very fine replica of Sydney Bridge with little ships sailing in the harbour.



Fifty years of Josef Hofmann's career as an artist in America were celebrated at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, where, as a boy of 11, he made his debut in 1897. The world-famous pianist is shown after his jubilee concert as he read telegrams of congratulation. Born in Cracow, Poland (Austria-Hungary), his concert tour of America at 11 was cancelled, after interference by a children's protection society.

WOMAN SPY DRAMA AT FRONTIER

Paris. One of the German Secret Service's most beautiful women was among four convicted spies exchanged for four convicted French spies recently.

The exchange, unprecedented in peace time, took place in closest secrecy at the frontier railway station of Apach.

Apach, Moselle village of 280 people, faces the German town of Perl. Not far away is one of the underground forts of France's Maginot Line.

No members of the public were allowed near the station when a German special train arrived with the French spies, in charge of plain-clothes police.

The German spies, guarded in the same way, were waiting in the tiny railway Customs office. None of the spies was handcuffed. They might have been a group of ordinary travellers.

The exchange and the signing of papers by the police on either side were completed in a few moments.

Tall, dark twenty-seven-year-old Irene Lautemann—only woman among the eight—looked a fashionable and expensively dressed Parisienne in her black astrakhan coat and very modish little hat.

EVIDENCE KEPT SECRET

Evidence that led to her sentence to three years' imprisonment by the Paris Military Tribunal last year has never been revealed.

It is known only that, apparently with plenty of money at her disposal, she moved in the most fashionable

Parisian society up to the day of her arrest.

Her three companions were Burke and Thiel, also sentenced in Paris to imprisonment, and Fritz, sentenced to five years' imprisonment by the Metz Military Tribunal for spying on the Maginot Line.

The names of the French spies, all convicted and sentenced as being members of the famous Second Bureau of the French Secret Service, have not been revealed.

It is understood that the exchange had been planned as a Christmas gesture to old friendly diplomatic relations. Negotiations were carried out by M. Francois Poncet, French Ambassador in Berlin, and Count Weizsaeck, German Ambassador in Paris.

The long-legged girl, untidily cyn-tunicked, is unrecognisable in the smart, sophisticated young woman who has had such success in cleaning up jewel smuggling in New York.

It is a pity she will not be photographed; her hair gleams red-gold, her eyes are grey-green, and her clear, milk and rosen complexion is freckled even in winter.

She has a saucy little nose and likes to laugh. Anything less like a detective I never hope to meet, writes a Daily Express representative.

Red-Haired Girl Detective Never Faces A Camera

Margery Steers, red-headed New York girl detective, has the sort of face that a man does not easily forget.

That is why she has never had her picture taken since leaving high school in Lexington, Virginia.

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Detective Steers is here investigating some ends of the big jewel-smuggling coup recently pulled off by the New York City Police.

WHOLE GANG CAUGHT

A whole gang has been caught, but there is still some inquiry to be done about the suppliers of the jewels. More than that she would not tell.

Yet about being a detective she is still sufficiently enthusiastic to find life "terribly exciting." She is twenty-five, has had six years' experience already.

Asked whether she had ever been in a really tight corner, she said: "I've only once been in a shooting job, if that's what you mean. But well, I shot first."

About her job she explained gravely: "It's much more fun than typing. I'm always travelling, go to grand places, but I must never have my picture taken, and there's a young man at home in New York who is real sure about that."

RADIO BROADCAST

Relay of Rugby Football: Ireland v. England THE LONDON LOG

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12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D4; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D5.

12.40 Light Symphony Orchestra. "The Three Men" Suite (Eric Coates): (a) The Man from the Country; (b) The Man from the Town; (c) The Man from the Sea.

12.50 Debut Somers Band & Les Allen (Baritone). Words and Music—Selection. Debut Somers Band; Sweet Heart-ache (film "Hit Parade"); Where is the Sun? (Redmond & David); Les Allen; Bullroom Memories (No. 1—Waltzes); Debut Somers Band; I'll Sing You a Thousand Love Songs (film "Cain & Mabel"); Les Allen.

1.30 Reuter & Ruby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Variety.

Orchestra—Foolin' Myself (Lawrence & Tintin); You're Here, You're There, Everywhere (Kahal & Leeb); Carroll Gibbons (Piano) & His Boy Friends; Vocal—It's the Natural Thing to Do (film "Double or Nothing"); The Moon Got in my Eyes (film "Double or Nothing"); Hildegard; Orchestra—If You Only Knew (from "Crest of the Wave"); Halfway to Heaven (film "The Street Singer"); Albert Sandler & His Orchestra; Vocal—Can I Forget You (film "High, Wide & Handsome"); Symphony (film "Firefly"); Richard Tauber (Tenor); Orchestra—Hide and Seek—Selection (Vivian Ellis); New Mayfair Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.0-7.0 Chinese Programme.

7.0 J. H. Square Celestial Octet. Memories of Chopin (arr. Willoughby); A Venetian Barcarolle—Serenade (arr. Willoughby); Valse Bluettes—Air de Ballet (Drigo).

7.20 Orchestra.

Overture "Light Cavalry" (Suppe).

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

7.30 Variety.

Vocal—Gypsy Violin (O'Flynn & Betzner); A Little Bit Independent (Leslie & Burke); Sam Browne (Burton); Star Gazing (Symes, Neiburg, Levinson); Conversation for Two Gypsies, Tuxton, Emersonich).

8.00 Variety.

Vocal—Humorous Monologue—Albert and the Eadsman (Marriott Edgar); Stanley Holloway; Vocal—Moon for Sale (Trevor Henderson & Rosen); Thanks a Million (from the film); Robert Ashley (Tenor); Comedienne—The South is the Place for Me (Titherage, Ellis & Braham); Why Has a Cow Got Four Legs (Furber & Ellis); Cicely Courtneidge.

8.10 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.15 Two Songs by Stuart Robertson (Baritone).

In Summerline on Bredon (Peel); Sea Fever (Ireland); accom. by Gerald Moore (Piano).

8.10 London Relay—It Happens Every Day.

A revue by Robert Ellison and Denis Vale Thal. Production by F. H. C. Piffard.

8.50 London Relay—"London Log".

9.0 Variety.

Orchestra—Eccentric—Novelty Quick Step, Three Brass Bells—Novelty Step, Henry Hall & His Orchestra; Vocal—I'm Feelin' My Million (film "Broadway Melody of 1938"); Yours and Mine (film "Broadway Melody of 1938"); Hildegard; Laughter Sketch—Our Amate-ur Night (Weston & Lee); The Regal Radio Party; Vocal—All God's Chillun Got Rhythm (film "A Day at the Races"); Turner Layton & Male Quartette; To-morrow is Another Day (film "A Day at the Races"); Turner Layton (Vocal & Piano); Organ—"Transatlantic Rhythm" Medley; Reginald Foort.

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COMING SHORTLY TO HONGKONG

Barney Glasgow had been a boy and his mother the Cooks at Camp 54 of the Lewis and Clark expedition in Wisconsin. When his mother died Barney was taken into Hewitt's paper mill at Hutto des Moris. Twenty years later, grown to husky young manhood, Barney returned to see his old friend Swan Boatman and to superintend the spring logging. Hewitt had promoted Barney to Big Boss of the Line. And more important, he was going to marry Hewitt's daughter, Emily Louise. Emily Louise was the final step up the ladder — to power.

Chapter Two

Hell-bent for a good time Barney, Swan and the gang of riverjacks whooped it up at Sid Lemkin's Alcazar Saloon in Iron Ridge. Pooling reckles and mellow, Barney staked five hundred dollars of his bonus money on Sid's crooked roulette game and won. A pandemonium of unbridled broke broke loose among the riverjacks.

Lotta Morran, the singer at the Alcazar, attracted Barney's eye. Lotta was beautiful—a pearl in a pigsty. What was she doing in a place like this, he wondered. A new and Swan both lost their hearts to her. When the lumberjacks had



For two days and nights they had an uninterrupted spree.

gone over to the Swedish Home for support. Sid Lemkin, raised his crew about him. He had no intention of letting Barney get away with that bankroll.

"Ball, into them, boys!" he ordered. Of the furious battle that followed, Barney later remembered only fragments. He and Swan and Lotta against a dozen rough-necked, dodging blows and champagne bottles. From the balcony where they stood they had a point of vantage, an ambush. Hewitt's boots pitted the floorboards. Heavy metal trays falling the men as they lunged up the stairs, crashing into mirrors, shattering whole scoured the bar. After half an hour the scattered remains of Sid's crew took refuge beneath the tables on the floor below. Barney, Swan and Lotta stood alone on a field of glory. Picking their way through the debris they made a triumphant exit.

Later, at the General Store, Barney bought Lotta a complete outfit, dresses, lingerie, stockings, slippers and the prettiest handkerchiefs. The store owner was sending her home to her family in Milwaukee. But at the last minute he broke down. He didn't want her to go—and she said she wished to leave him. Barney, Swan and Lotta, three happy musketeers, joined arms and threaded their way uncertainly to the Iron Ridge Hotel.

For two days and nights they had an uninterrupted spree. Lotta put the men to bed every night, drunk but happy. Barney had fallen head over heels in love with Lotta and Lotta was in seventh heaven. Barney was a rascal, she loved him with the fierce love of a woman who had always laughed at love. Swan, who loved her too, looked on and said nothing. In one of their sober moments, however, he remarked to Barney: "Funny thing, Barney, I never did see you get so crazy about any girl before—no sir."

Barney laughed. "When did I ever meet a girl like her before?" On the morning of the third day, their carousal came abruptly to an end. Hewitt appeared at the Elfin-Swain Bath, where Swan and Barney were being boiled out. The Old Man came straight to the point. "I've heard all about your goings

on with this woman," he said bluntly. "And I'm surprised at you, Barney—I really am." "You didn't come all the way down here to tell me that, did you?" he drawled, wiping away the perspiration that rolled down his face. "I've got some good news for you," continued Hewitt, ignoring Barney's question. "Congress has passed that Bill giving railroads every other section of land along any new right of way."

Barney and Hewitt had made plans to shoot a hundred miles of rail through a big piece of government timber country up north, thereby grabbing all the pine they'd ever need for a thousand dollars a mile. They'd put lumberjacks on every other section and pay them \$25 a month and any of the lumber barons in the 80s. Thus they flourished and made huge fortunes overnight.

"Come on," urged Hewitt. "Get into your clothes. We've got to travel fast to file our applications at the Land Office."

Barney dejected. Excited as he was, he couldn't leave Iron Ridge without seeing Lotta, without some explanation. The train left in twenty minutes.

Sensing the reason for Barney's hesitation, Hewitt said angrily, "I

What D'you Know?

ONE of the few things the twentieth century doesn't understand is the human brain. How much does yours understand? More important—how much do you understand about your own? Try out these puzzles and then look at the answers below.

1.—Where is your brain? what is it made of?

2.—How much bigger is the brain of an elephant than the brain of a flea? Or has neither got a brain?

3.—Have you ever thought what an odd number 7 is? If you haven't, try for yourself how significant a figure it is.

What seven do you sail on? Ephesus is noted—for what seven? When you are in ecstasy what seven are you in? Man's allotted span is—what seven? The world was made in—what seven?

4.—He believes in big families, but is a bachelor himself. Started life as a painter—later got bigger ideas. Who is he?

5.—Ann is a popular young lady. She begins many things—how many can you end?



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What Ann is heard over the radio? What Ann was the second wife of Henry VIII? What Ann is vexation?

What Ann is destruction? What Ann is in Asia? Which Ann was a prophetess of the Bible?

6.—You know her through the screen. Her surname is geographical. Think of a month.

11.—What city of Europe begins with Flo?

What fish? What fleet? What deluge? What part of the room? What ice?

12.—What one word means both a form of physical competition and a large class of people distinguished by common characteristics?

13.—See if you can juggle each of these words into four others: Pears, steam, stale, risen.

The Murdered Card Player

14.—Four men—Robert, Ronald, Ralph, and Rudolph—were playing cards one evening. As a result of a quarrel during the course of the game, one of these men shot and killed another. From the facts given below see if you can determine who the murderer and his victim were:

Robert will not expose his brother's guilt. Rudolph had been released from gaol on the day of the murder, after having served a three-day sentence. Robert had wheeled Ralph, a cripple, to the card game at Ronald's house.

Rudolph had known Ronald for only five days before the murder. Ralph had met Robert's father only once.

The host is about to give evidence against the murderer, whom he dislikes. The murdered man had eaten dinner on the previous night with one of the men who did not get on with Ronald customarily.

Find The Miss

15.—For men only (all blanks begin with "miss" or "mrs"). What is—The miss of every girl's designs? The miss a man likes to catch a girl under? The miss every maid yearns to become? Darwin's miss? The miss the policeman arrests?

16.—Who said: "My kingdom for a horse?" "Britain's frontier is on the Rhine?"

Find The Man

17.—Here is one for women only. All blanks begin with those annoying three letters, "man." What The man in the wardrobe? The man the food in the Bible? The man at the music store? The man in the Orient?

9.—An actress of queenly distinction. Take away the first letter of her surname and you have a bird of equal majesty.

10.—A braver man than his surname would suggest. His

Crime in the Caribbean ...

You probably read recently about an American yacht-owner who was murdered at sea. Now you may like to try your hand at solving this mystery of a murder in a yacht.

"No doubt my imagination—or my liver," murmured Professor Fordney, the criminologist, to himself. He was one of nine guests aboard Howard Butterfield's yacht bound for a Caribbean cruise.

Standing apart from the group on the afterdeck, he seemed to sense an unnatural, forced gaiety, and undercurrent of excitement among the others.

As he sauntered over to join them, Marston, the steward, stopped him and spoke in an undertone. As the two hurried to the host's cabin Marston told Fordney, "I went to Mr. Butterfield's cabin a few minutes ago with a suit he had sent to be pressed. When I received no answer to my knock I entered. That's when I discovered he had been stabbed."

The criminologist found the wealthy broker sitting in a brightly covered chintz armchair, an effervescing glass of champagne and a half-filled bottle on the table beside him. A calendar lay in his lap and the floor was a rouge-stained cigarette stub.

"By jove!" he suddenly exclaimed. "I believe Caldwell came on deck just before you spoke to me. Seemed rather agitated too."

"If you are telling the truth, Marston, some one left this cabin just a few minutes before you discovered the crime!" Fordney concluded.

How did the criminologist know some one had left Butterfield's cabin a few minutes before the steward's discovery?

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1.—(a) Large brain (cerebrum) spreads over top of head; little brain (cerebellum) is at back of head (b) Medical description is "mass of nervous matter."

2.—(a) Brain of elephant is about 2,000,000 times as large as brain of flea, according to Zoo expert. (b) Yes.

3.—The Seven Seas. The Seven Sleepers. The Seventy Heavens. Seventy, seventy times seven, Seven days.

4.—Herr Hitler. 5.—Announcer, Ann Dolcyn, Annoyance, Annihilation, Annam, Anna, 6.—Mae West. 7.—Newfoundland, Newspaper, Newman, Newton, Newcastle, New Testament.

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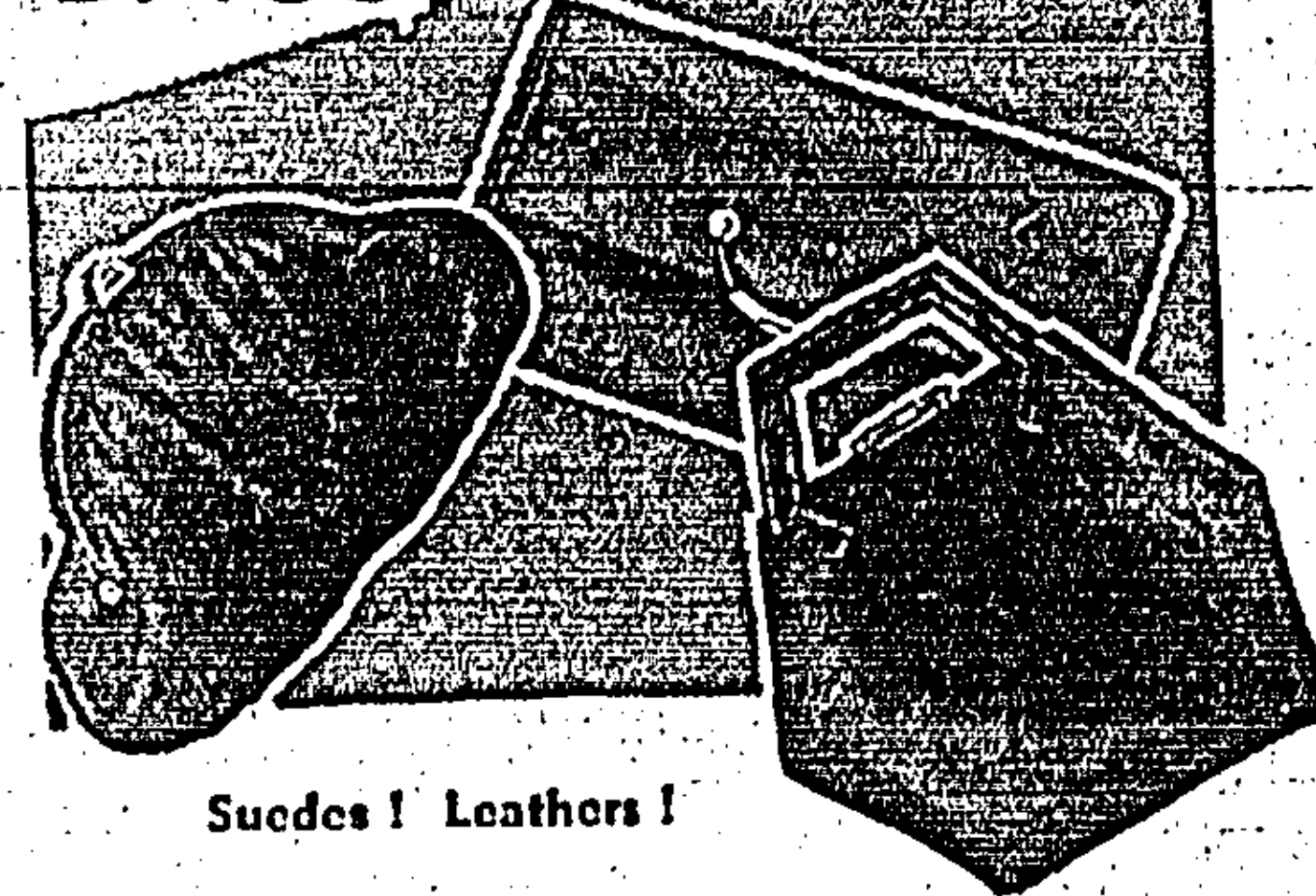
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M. Claude Ferrere, noted French author at present in the Far East as correspondent of the well-known French newspaper, *Echo de Paris*, recently made a tour of the former battlefields around Shanghai. He is seen in the above picture before the ruins of the Clavin Centre.



Every Japanese loves a steaming hot bath. These soldiers in Nanking have turned a foreign-style tub into a Japanese bath by building a fire under it—a highly successful idea judging by the expressions on the faces of those waiting their turn.



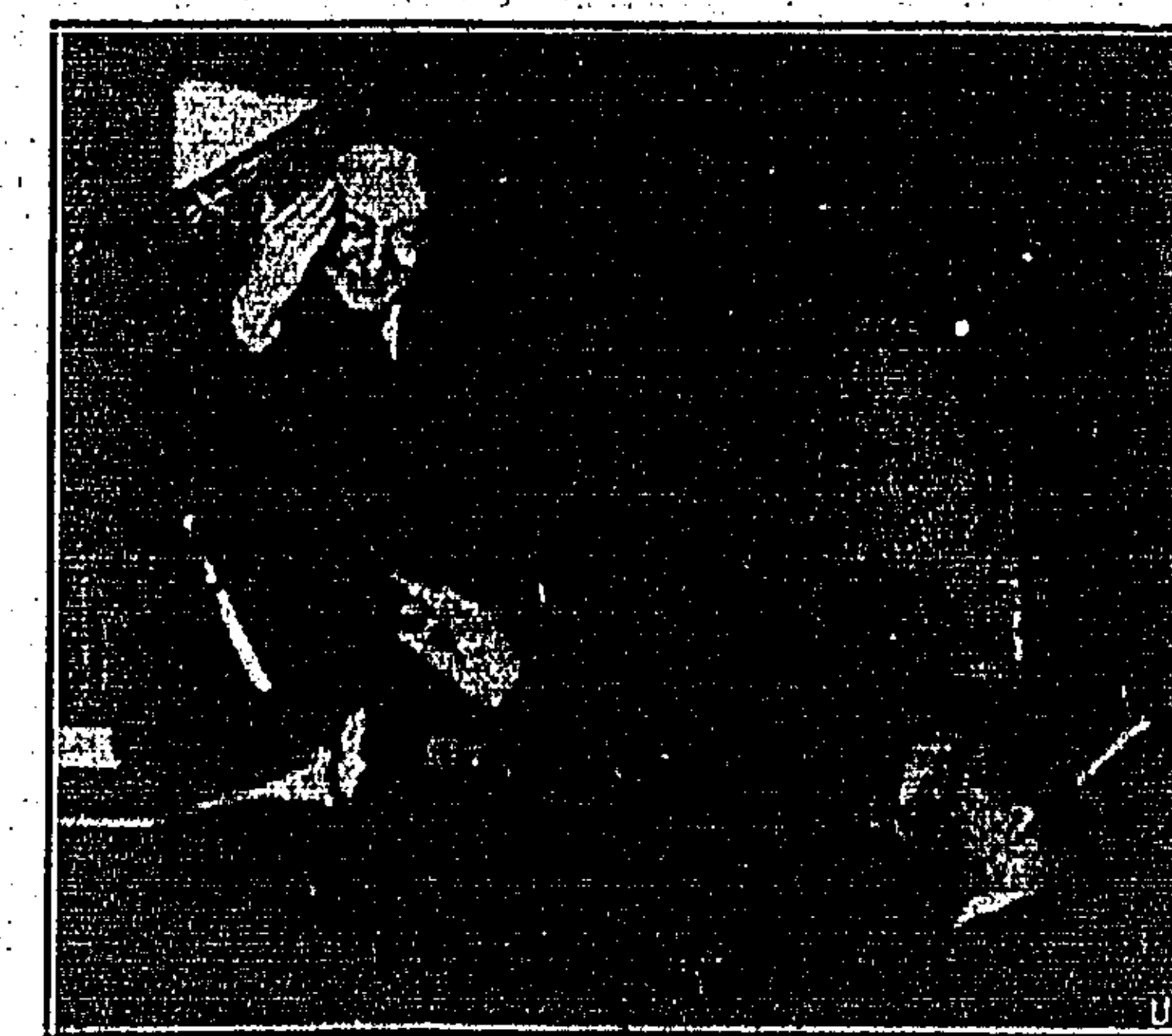
These smart and military-looking girls are the new Chinese police-women organised by the Japanese authorities who have recently taken over the ancient Chinese city of Peking. The girls are responsible for the supervision of women and children in the city. Japanese recently changed the city's name to Peking.



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Japanese commander of the campaign in China, whose forces formed a ring of steel around Nanking, grand Chinese capital. He is shown listening to protests of British commanders in Shanghai against Japanese invasion of neutral rights. At left is Admiral Sir Charles Little, with Major General A. P. D. Keller-Brown, directing Britain's land forces in China.



These Spanish insurgent airmen, Lieutenant Manuel Ramirez, left, and Fulgencio Planas, found fortune with them after their plane was damaged by Loyalist batteries and fell to the Gulf of Cadix, when they tried to return to Cadix airport. Five ships passed them, but eventually they were picked up by the *Largo Day* and taken to Malta.

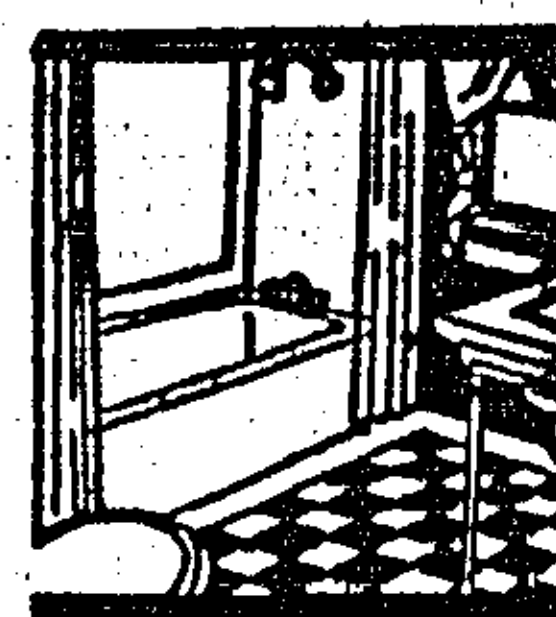


DIPLOMATIC TOUR—France, questing for "security," sent Yvon Delbos, her Foreign Minister, on a diplomatic tour of Central Europe in an effort to mend diplomatic fences. Delbos met his arrival in Belgrade. Above, he salutes members of the Italian and Rumanian diplomatic corps as he leaves Paris at the beginning of his journey.



Watching his short putt roll toward the cup is Secretary of State Cordell Hull, during a twosome with Mrs. Hull, upper left, on the links of the Pinehurst, N. C. Country Club. America's official diplomatic chief had laid aside cares of state temporarily for a short vacation at the widely known resort.

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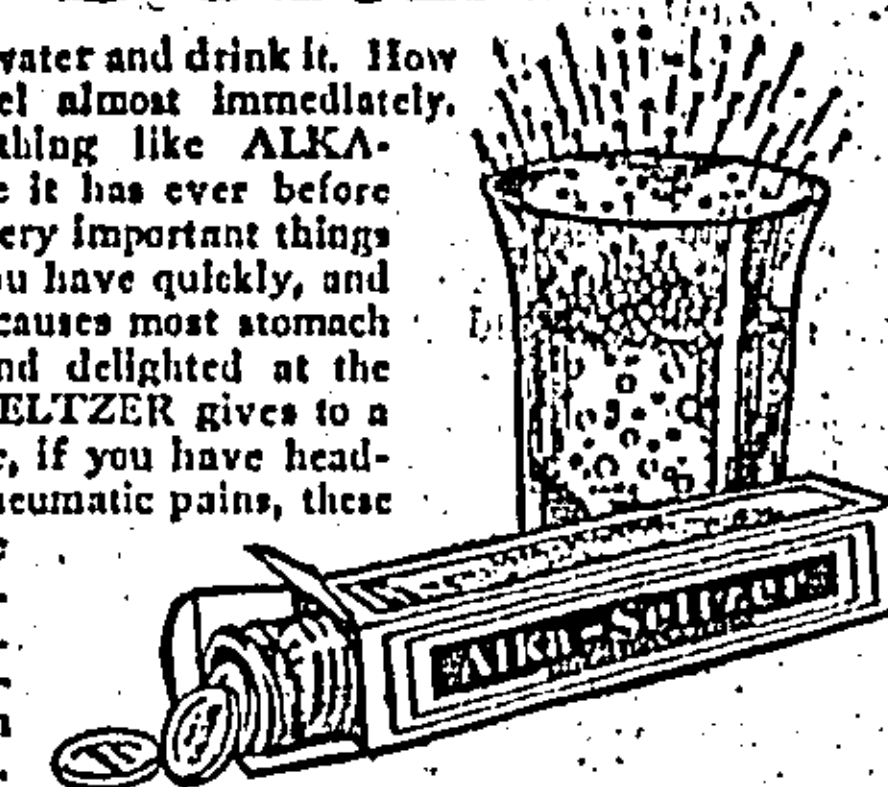


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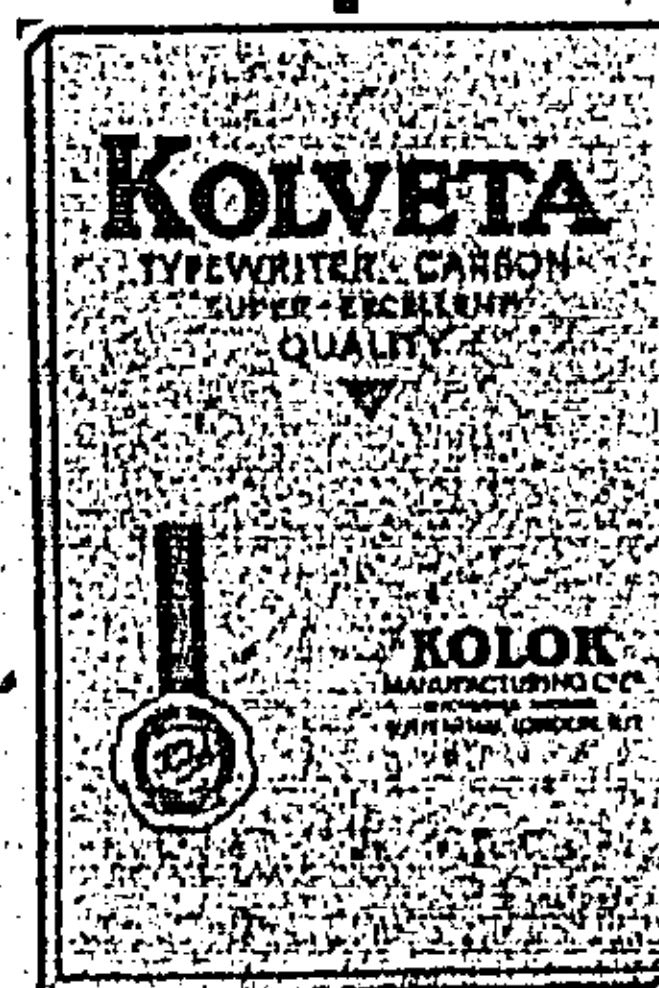
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TWO SHANGHAI JOCKEYS THROWN THIS MORNING

ACCIDENTS OCCUR AT TRAINING

ONE CAUSED BY SILLY "MAFOO" PRACTICE

The unfortunate practice of some Chinese "mafoos" in rushing out to the race-tracks at the completion of gallops by ponies belonging to stables to which they are attached was responsible for one of two accidents which occurred at this morning's training at Happy Valley.

Two jockeys were thrown in the course of these mishaps, but luckily neither was hurt. The two riders were Messrs. H. Matland and C. Encarnacao, both of Shanghai, who are down here for the annual racing carnival which commences on February 19.

Mr. Encarnacao was riding Cameronian, a Derby aspirant, when a "mafoo" rushed out to hold the pony, which became frightened and "broke." The pony threw Mr. Encarnacao, who was uninjured and was able to walk back to the stable from the track.

In the other accident, Mr. H. Matland was riding Griffl, an Australian pony belonging to the John Peel stable. High in the air but escaped with nothing more than a shaking.

Conditions for training this morning were particularly unpleasant. There was a steady drizzle right through, and it was probably due to the fact that the training track was soaked that both Mr. Matland and Mr. Encarnacao were unhurt.

German Davis Cup Proposal

Berlin, Jan. 8.

It is evident that Germany will not support the English proposal—to be discussed at the meeting of the International Lawn Tennis Federation in March—that the Davis Cup contests should only be held in alternate years.

Herr Erich Schoenborn, leader of the German Lawn Tennis Guild, declares that it would be no solution of the problem. It would not, he argues, reduce the strain in the year of the competition, while it would lessen its importance. He advocates that the four last countries in the European zone in each year should be exempted from participation in the earlier rounds in the succeeding year.

If this is not acceptable and the two-year system is adopted, then he proposes that in one year only the zone contests should be decided, and the meeting of the zone winners and challenge round in the next year. This would enable the five rounds of the European zone to be spread all over the summer months.

Nor does Donald Budge favour the idea, while his doubles partner, Gene Mako, is equally opposed to the scheme.

At a meeting of the Victorian L.T.A. Mr. Norman Brookes, president of the Australian L.T.A., said he was certain that the International Federation would agree to hold the Davis Cup tournament every two years and that a women's tournament should be held in the intervening years.

Free Lances Beaten By St. Andrew's

In Mixed Doubles Badminton League

Despite the fine play of J. L. Anderson and Miss Madge Griffiths, who won all their three games comfortably, the Free Lances were defeated in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League last evening by St. Andrew's by six games to three.

Neither A. L. Fisher and Miss Eardley nor S. W. Clark and Miss McCaw were able to take a single game from the St. Andrew's pairs, each of which won two games.

The match was played at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute at Wanchai.

Scores: J. L. Anderson and Miss Griffiths (Free Lances) beat W. C. Choy and Mrs. Stokes 21-14; beat H. Kew and Miss F. Wong 21-13; beat H. Kew and Miss M. Churn 21-12.

A. L. Fisher and Miss Eardley (Free Lances) lost to Choy and Mrs. Stokes 11-21; lost to Weill and Miss Wong 15-21; lost to Kew and Miss Churn 10-21.

S. W. Clark and Miss McCaw (Free Lances) lost to Choy and Mrs. Stokes 14-21; lost to Weill and Miss Wong 10-23; lost to Kew and Miss Churn 14-21.

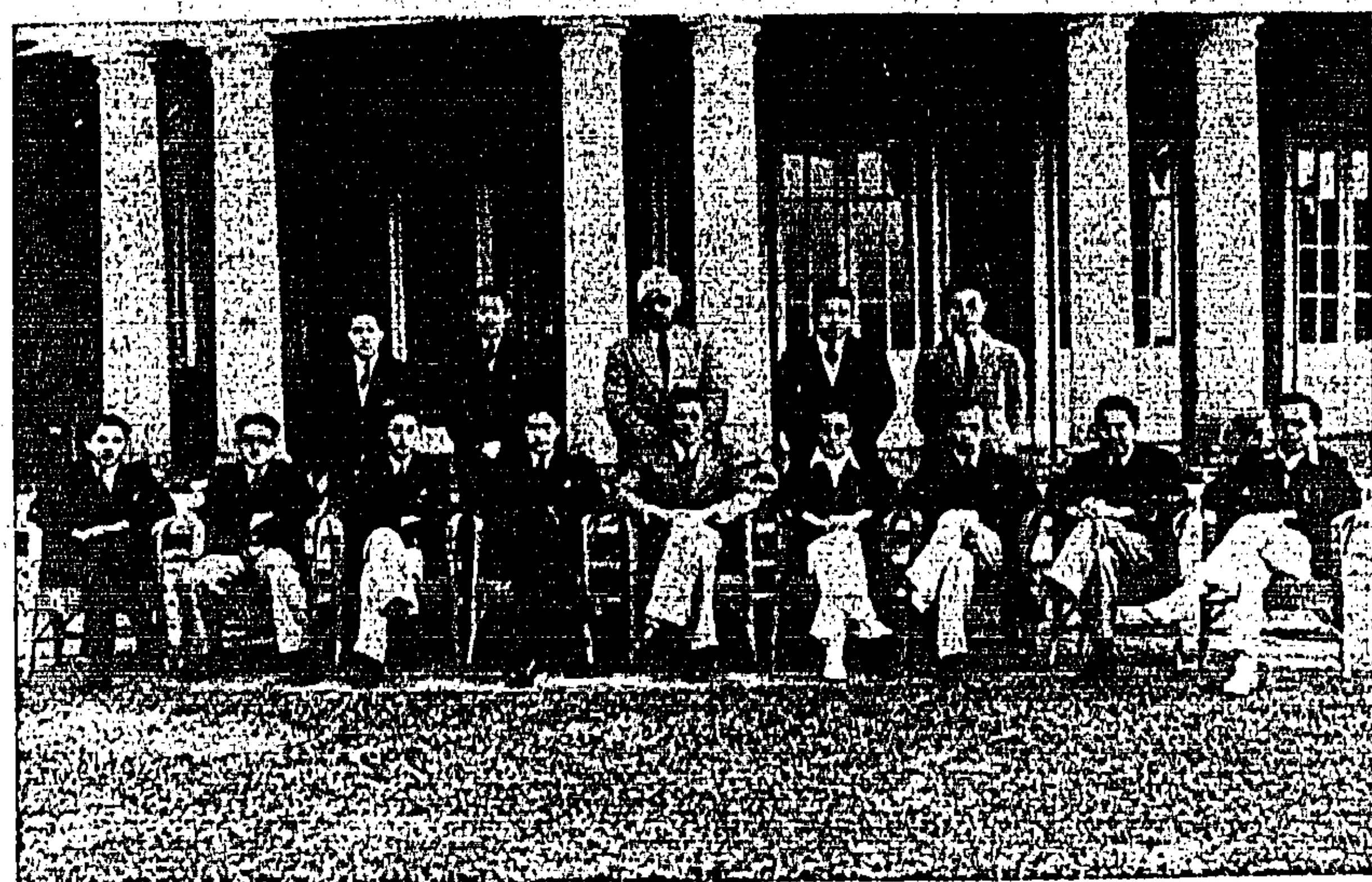
BADCOCK MAY NOT GO TO ENGLAND

Australian Cricketer Is Not Fit

Adelaide, Feb. 6. Doubts are being raised regarding the fitness of Badcock, Australia's opening-bat, to tour England this summer. It is understood that medical consent has been withheld pending a fortnight's rest.

Badcock, only 23 years of age, made his debut for Australia in the last series of Tests against England, and contributed his share towards winning the "Ashes" for his country.

He won recognition when he finished second to Don Bradman in the first-class averages with 60.7, putting together in the process an individual score of 325.—*Reuter*.



A group photo of members of the Athletic Association Council of the Hongkong University Union for the year 1937-1938, taken at the pavilion at Pokfulam recently. Chairman is Mr. K. L. Ng, seated in the middle. (Photo: A. Fong.)

AMERICAN WALKER CUP TEAM FOR ENGLAND

FOUR PLAYERS OF 1936 SIDE RETAINED

The United States Golf Association, has invited the following to represent the United States in the Walker Cup match against Great Britain at St. Andrews on June 3 and 4:

Outlets (non-playing captain)
(Woodland G.C., Auburndale, Mass.) R. Billows (Dutchess Golf and Country Club, Poughkeepsie, New York), J. W. Fischer (Highland Country Club, Fort Thomas, Kentucky), J. Goodman (Omaha, Nebraska), F. Hias (Louisiana State University G.C., Baton Rouge, Louisiana), C. Kocis (Red Run G.C., Royal Oak, Michigan), Reynolds Smith (Lakewood Country Club, Dallas, Texas), M. Ward (Tacoma Country and Golf, Tacoma, Washington), and C. R. A. (Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Georgia).

Alternates: T. Sufferin Teller (Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley, New York) and D. K. Moe (Alderwood Country Club, Portland, Oregon).

Four of the nominated players, writes George Greenwood, were members of the 1936 team which routed the British players at Pine Valley by nine matches to nil, with three halved.

The four are Johnny Goodman, the reigning amateur champion, Johnny Fischer, who beat Jack McLean at the 37th hole in the final of the American championship two years ago, Reynolds Smith, champion of Texas, and Charlie Yates, of Atlanta, a golfing friend of Bobby Jones.

Goodman is a romantic figure. Starting as a caddy at Omaha, he made his way to tournaments by acting as attendant on Trans-Continental cattle trains. While on one of these exploits he arrived at Pebble Beach, California, and in the first round of the championship caused a sensation by beating Bobby Jones.

Subsequently Goodman, a perky little fellow with all the self-confidence imaginable, won the U.S. Open Championship, beating all the famous professionals. In the last Walker Cup match he beat Hector Thomson, then British champion, by 3 and 2. It is the general belief in America that Goodman will win our championship, to be played at Troon, prior to the international match.

Ray Billows, one of the new

Empire Games Rankings

Sydney, Feb. 11.

At the conclusion of to-day's Empire Games, the unofficial ranking was as follows:

Australia 396 points, Canada 258, England 212, New Zealand 138, South Africa 125, Scotland 24, Wales 18, Ceylon 11 and British Guiana eight.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

players, all of whom are youngsters, gets his place in last year's American Amateur Championship, after beating Fischer in the semi-final, in which he was beaten by Goodman.

Once again—Francis Ouimet, one of the most popular and outstanding figures in world golf, has been appointed captain again in a non-playing capacity. He has been a member of every U.S. team since the match was instituted in 1922.

Starting life as a caddy, Ouimet won the U.S. Open championship at the age of 20, after a tie with Edward Ray and the late Harry Vardon. This was one of the biggest surprises ever recorded in the history of the game. Ouimet, aged 45, is now a stockbroker at Boston, Mass.

The U.S. team will arrive in England in time to compete in the Amateur Championship at Troon, which immediately precedes the match at St. Andrews.

South African Women's Team For England

Many Well-Known Tennis Stars

Johannesburg, Jan. 5.

The South African women's team to tour Great Britain and the Continent was announced to-day as follows:

Mrs. Heine Miller, Miss Margaret Morpheus, Miss Sheila Piercy and Miss Olive Craze. Mrs. H. J. Fitzgerald will accompany the players as manageress.

Mrs. Heine Miller, South Africa's No. 1 player, is the best-known of the four. She has been five times singles champion of South Africa.

Mrs. Miller, better known to English followers of the game as Miss "Bobbie" Heine, was last in Europe in 1929 when she won the British hard court title at Bournemouth, reached the final of the French women's doubles championship, and the semi-final of the women's doubles at Wimbledon, and also won the Irish singles championship. She was ranked fifth in the world's first 10 that year.

Miss Morpheus (ranked No. 4) helped Mrs. Miller to win the Southern Transvaal women's doubles championship and is likely to team up with Mrs. Miller for the Wimbledon championship. Miss Craze, comes from Southern Transvaal, as does Miss Piercy, holder of the Western and Eastern Province titles. Miss Craze recently won the Johannesburg singles title.

The Misses Morpheus, Craze and Piercy have well earned their places in the team, for all three have had victories over Mrs. A. Neave, South Africa's No. 2.—*Reuter*.

S. China "A" To Oppose Royal Scots

A friendly football match will be played between South China "A" and the Royal Scots at Caroline Hill to-morrow, commencing at 4 p.m.

THREE SHIELD TIES THIS WEEK-END

Seaforths Clash With South China "B"

(By "Abo")

Chief interest in local football during the week-end lies in the Shield matches this afternoon. Three ties in the second round are to be decided, and in addition, a First Division League game, between South China "A" and Club, will also be played.

Of the Shield games, probably the best will be that between the Seaforths and South China "B" at Sookumpoo. The latter are the leaders of the League, but they will have a stiff task ahead of them and I am not at all sure that they will get through. Anyhow, a very fine game is promised.

Without the services of Rowlands, Evans and Conkley, Kowloon's chances against Middlesex at the K.F.C. ground are not very bright. Even with the three Eurasians in the side, Kowloon only managed to take one point from two matches against the military team in the league. I am afraid they will have to bow to defeat to-day, unless a complete upset occurs.

When the Kowloon team was announced, many people thought that the Duncan in their goal was the Royal Scots custodian, who has been selected for the Colony against the Islington Corinthians, but I was informed by "Sonny" Blies, the Kowloon skipper, this morning that this is not so. The Duncan in goal to-day will be Andy Duncan, who used to turn out for them before.

The third Shield tie will be between the Kowloon Chinese and the Navy. It is difficult to forecast the result of this match in view of the improvement shown by the Chinese and the uncertain quantity of the Navy team.

To-morrow, one League match will be played. The Police and Eastern will be the contestants and the match will be played on the Club ground. The teams are evenly-matched.

At Caroline Hill at 4 p.m., the Royal Scots will be entertained to a friendly encounter by South China "A", and an indication of their strength will be provided in this game.

CAMBRIDGE TO HAVE A NEW STROKE

Perfitt's Form Unsatisfactory

London, Jan. 15.

R. J. L. Perfitt, who stroked the Cambridge crew last year, has been officially informed that he will not be required for this year's Boat Race. In an interview yesterday Perfitt said he understood that his form before Christmas was not satisfactory. He did not row in the November trials, and is not rowing at present, but intends to coach his college, Trinity Hall, for Henley.

Perfitt leaves the University in June, and will join London R.C. He came into the Cambridge crew as stroke last year, when H. W. Mason broke a leg.

T. B. Langton, the President, set the work of the University crew in place of A. M. Turner, stroke of the winning trial Eight, who was absent with a blistered hand, yesterday, when both the University and the Granta crews had an outing to Baile's Bite Lock.

C. B. Sanford led the Granta crew on the outward journey, but returning upstream he stroked the University Eight and A. E. Woolf (Jesus) set the work of the Granta crew.

Several changes were made in the Oxford crews, who, coached by Mr. J. H. Page, did some firm paddling on their journey below locks. They raced home from Long Bridge at 34, "A" crew finishing well ahead.

France Annexes Swedish Cup

Clean Sweep Against Swedish Players

Paris, Feb. 6.

France won the last two singles tennis matches to-day for the King of Sweden's Cup, thereby whitewashing the Swedish team by 5 matches to 0.

To-day's games had no bearing on the result of the competition which was won yesterday by the Frenchmen owing to their three straight victories.

In to-day's matches, which were cross-over singles, Yvon Petra (France) defeated Karl Schroeder (Sweden) by 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

In the remaining match, Bernard Destremieu (France) beat Rohlson (Sweden) by a score of 1-6, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-0.

The previous games which took place yesterday and the day before ended as follows:

Bernard Destremieu (France) defeated Karl Schroeder (Sweden) by 6-0, 1-6, 2-6, 11-9, 8-6.

Yvon Petra (France) beat Rohlson (Sweden) by a score of 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

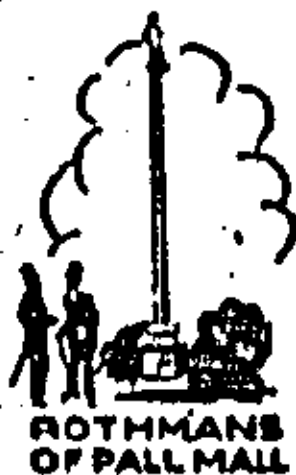
Leaueur and Bolli (France) defeated Schroeder and Wallen (Sweden) by 10-8, 6-4, 6-4.

After the final match to-day, King Gustav of Sweden, who was a keen spectator at all five matches, left the stands and handed the cup to Jean Borotra, the veteran French tennis ace, who was captain of the French team.—*Havas*

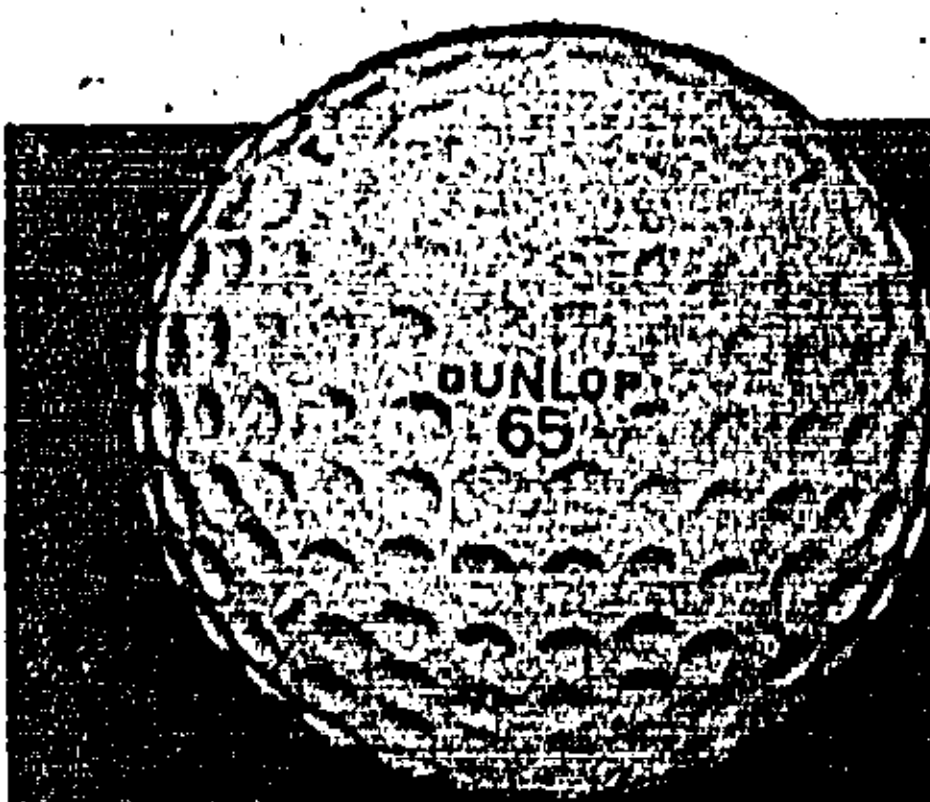
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GLIMPSES AT THE GAMES

Five Record Crowds: Nearly 72,000 At Hyde Road

Cup fever was at its highest pitch yesterday and gate records were broken at five grounds. The largest crowd was 71,927 to see Manchester City beat Bury. All replays will take place on Wednesday.

The game at Charlton was won and lost in the first five minutes when Tadman scored twice for the home team. Leeds for whom Hodgson scored in the second half, put up a fine fight but they never recovered from the early setback.

West Bromwich twice had the lead against York but the Northerners rallied splendidly and scored the winning goal two minutes from the end. Balnes scored all three goals for York, and after Pinder had sent the ball into his own goal, Richardson scored the second for West Bromwich, who led one-nil at half-time.

The Villa were flattered by the size of their win against Blackpool, who missed O'Donnell, who was injured, and Hampson, who was drowned recently. Houghton Broome, Starling and Shell scored Villa's goals. They were one up at half-time.

Sunderland had all the luck in a hard and thrilling game against Everton. Gurney got their goal in the first half.

Kirkham, the outside left, missed three clear opportunities for Arsenal.

Drake scored their first goal when the game had hardly started after a fine run by Bastin. Kirchen got the second. Jones scored for the Wolves. The teams were level at one-all at half-time.

There was very little difference between Preston and Leicester but the former got the goals. Mutch and O'Donnell being the scorers. There was no score up to half-time.

Portsmouth were better than Brentford and should have won comfortably. Wilson got both goals for the winners and Parker scored for Portsmouth, who led one-nil at half-time.

An amazing goal was registered by Barnsley against Manchester United. Bokas threw in the ball from near the corner and Breen, Manchester goal-keeper, touched it and diverted it into his own net. If it had not been touched there would have been no goal.

Fisher got the other goal for Barnsley, and Carey and Baird scored for Manchester who were leading by the odd goal in three at half-time.

Oxford's Crew Should Be Better Than It Was Last Year

From Conrad Skinner

Oxford and Isis crews were launched this afternoon under conditions surprisingly pleasant after the recent wintry storms. Further alterations were made in the morning's order and, from the bows, the crews were:

A
Peggy (Oriel), bow,
Garton (Magdalen),
Stewart (Magdalen),
Young (Trinity),
Burrough (St. Edmund Hall),
Waldron (Trinity),
Cherry (Brisnrose),
Hodgson (Oriel),
Merfield (St. Edmund Hall), cox.

The launch recovered from its recent indisposition and half of it was occupied by the numerous operators and almost ubiquitous apparatus of a famous film corporation, prepared to register every scene and sound. Mr. Page, accompanied by Mr. Holdsworth, was in charge of the crew.

The journey chosen was through Osney to Godstow, and the water was perfect for rowing. In the extremely tortuous first mile the coxswain wisely gave practice in balance by ordering air-shots for the men on the inside of the bends.

THE STRONGER COMBINATION

My best view for a while was of B crew, which orbited stroking at a placid 10, and considering the difficulty of maintaining balance at such a stroke, the performance was quite encouraging. It will become still better when they cover the blades more fully and catch hold of something more solid when paddling firmly.

There was noticeable improvement as the river widened and I got a better view of A crew. This is a stronger and more confident combination and came very creditably out of the ordeal of paddling 12 to the minute. When they rose to a firm paddle there was revealed the very promising degree of boat control achieved by their having the feet tolerably well upon the stretchers in the forward movement.

This policy of nursing the men along at low rates of striking is a very sound one and might well be prolonged for a week or more.

Mr. Bence and Mr. Heller, in fact, would always refuse to proceed with anything else until a crew was firmly and confidently on its feet.

It is difficult, with any degree of fairness, to attempt to characterise individuals on the strength of the kind of work done to-day, but the general impression is that "A" crew is, in the main, the one that will represent Oxford. I shall err on no thanks by attempting to arrange it for them!

SOME OTHERS

It will be a very good crew that does not include Huse, who is an excellent seven. So, of course, is the president, who has a fondness for this position, just as the Cambridge president loves to be at four.

In both cases it might become necessary, in the interests of securing the best possible crews, that these preferences be subdued. We shall see. If Cherry made room for Huse and went himself to five, pressing Burrough up to three, that would provide an order worthy, at least, of experiment.

Burnell, too, is a man of great power. If a shade sluggish, whom I should be sorry to see eliminated without considerable attempt to galvanise his reactions to the livelier ranges of striking. Rowers also seemed to be worthy of considerable

15-Year-Old Girl Heading For Wimbledon

Jean Nicoll Has Bright Future

By Ulyss Rogers

Jean Nicoll, a just-fifteen-year-old Harrow girl, is the lassie you should take a good look at if you want to spot a Wimbledon lawn tennis champion in advance.

I do not remember seeing so completely equipped a girl player at such an age.

Jean is a well-made girl, with attractive, open face, keenly intelligent eyes, a complete absence of giggle, a lithe graceful body and ease of stroke that make her a delight to watch in court.

She is playing in the junior covered court meeting at Dulwich this week, and has reached the last eight.

A year ago, when only fourteen, she was a finalist in this same contest, being beaten by Muriel Gray, who has passed out of the age limit.

SKATER AS WELL

Before meeting Muriel Gray she defeated Rosemary Thomas, and Rosemary Thomas went to Wimbledon and won the British junior championship last September. Jean Nicoll was too young to play for the Wimbledon junior championships, but she had beaten Rosemary a second time—at Welbury earlier in the summer.

Jean has also been invited to stand for selection in the coming table-tennis world championships. She is an excellent fancy skater, plays billiards and snooker and dances well.

At dusk her admirers say she is the best at her age anywhere. And don't take her on at shove-ha-penny. Oh yes, she goes to school, and they get a fair whack of work out of her at St. Margaret's, Harrow.

HOCKEY INTERPORT

United Team To Play Against Macao

The selection committee of the United Hockey Clubs have chosen the team to represent them against Macao at Macao probably on February 20. There will be a trial match on the Club ground on Wednesday against the Kumaon Rifles. Following is the team:
Dobson (R.E.); Guest (Radio), Gulam Rasal (Raj. Rifles); Wetton (R.E.), Narain Naram (Raj. Rifles), Malik (K.I.T.C.); S. Fowler (C.B.A.), Pritham Nath (Raj. Rifles), Pariah (Kumaon), Ratta Ram (Raj. Rifles), Chintey (Middlesex).
Reserve Brown (H.K.P.), Umpires, S. Mettam, Major Whitley.

CAER CLARKE MATCH

C. B. A. Select Women's Tennis For To-day

The following will represent the Central British Association Ladies First Eleven v. H.K. Ladies in a Caer Clarke match on the C.B.A. ground, King's Park, this afternoon at 3 o'clock:

D. Moss; P. Whitley and B. Parsons; I. Woolley; M. Trail and E. Clewer and F. Best, R. Forster, M. White and D. Hunt.

Second Eleven

The following will represent the C. B. A. Ladies Second Eleven v. Seaford Ladies in a Brawn Cup game on the U. S. R. C. ground at 2.30 p.m.:

P. MacFarland; P. Everest and L. Dunn; J. Black; M. Bell and J. Whitman; M. MacAlpine, K. Winch E. Woolley, A. N. Oher, and E. Hunt.

A CORRECTION

At the meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association on Thursday, February 3, Mr. S. H. Ling, of the Hongkong University, was elected representative for China, and not Samuel Ling as reported.

HOW WILL COUNTIES REACT TO CRICKET RECOMMENDATIONS?

Things Should Start Moving Shortly

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

Things should be moving shortly in county cricket—thanks to what is known as the Findlay Commission, which by the aid of certain recent proposals, aims to lift from the game the shadow of poverty.

The commission's recommendations, which are of a sweeping kind, involving complete reorganisation of the scoring system in the county championship and the founding of a fund to help poor counties, have been fully considered by the clubs. By the end of this week the 17 counties must send to the M.C.C. their views on these recommendations. It will then be the task of the M.C.C. to summarise into one set of concrete proposals the views of the counties.

Finally, towards the end of February, the counties will hold what should be a momentous meeting at Lord's. They will have to decide what action to take; whether to adopt the commission's recommendations or reject them. It will be observed that there is no attempt at delay. The counties have the last word—and rightly, for it is their own destiny they must decide.

WHAT THEY LOSE
I have been endeavouring to gauge the feeling of the counties. Naturally, they are unwilling to open out at this stage; but I have heard financial proposals by the M.C.C.'s commission will be opposed in some quarters.

Those counties who are already hard up and dependent for their existence on donations from local sporting celebrities, are wondering how they can benefit from the fund in time to save their necks.

It is planned to raise a fund of £20,000 before any bonuses to necessitous counties are permitted. According to the commission's report the sum will take from five to six years to raise. And to get the money the counties will have to take a smaller cut from Test match profits.

Ten per cent. of Test profits will provide the bulk of the fund, and the lion's share will be contributed by those counties on whose grounds the Tests are played. The reduced Test profits dividend will make scarcely any difference to the small counties. It will mean a loss to them of a mere £4 a year. But Lancashire are estimated to lose £358, Yorkshire £334, Surrey £358, Nottingham £334, and M.C.C. £236 yearly.

SAVING THE WEAK
In effect, this means that the richer counties are being invited to start a "poor relations" fund, which aims at keeping alive counties whose gates are so small that when the big clubs visit they barely regain their expenses.

Whether the big clubs will cheerfully contribute to such a cause remains to be seen; and it will also be surprising if there is not discussion over the amalgamation proposal.

The commission has recommended that two of the weaker counties should die quietly, or else amalgamate with others, so as to reduce the number of championship competitors to 15. There are not likely to be any volunteers for the sacrifice, but I think the proposal will go through. It is within the power of clubs to bring pressure to bear on those "selected" to face the executioner.

The victims could be sold by the other counties, "Amalgamate, or you get no fixtures with us"—and no fixtures would mean extinction.

Altogether, there are dramatic possibilities in the cricket situation. The only thing on which all clubs

EMPIRE GAMES

England Scores Wins In Swimming

Sydney, Feb. 11.
Following are the results of the swimming finals at the Empire Games:

110 Yards Backstroke.—1. Oliver (Australia) 1.7.9/10 sec. Australian record; 2. Kerr (Canada) 1.9 sec. 3. Taylor (England) 1.9-3/10 sec. Two yards, one foot.

1,050 Yards Freestyle.—1. Leivers (England) 19.46-2/10 sec. 2. Weinwright (England) 20.17-4/10 sec. Twenty yards, 30 yards.

110 Yards Women's Medley Relay.—1. England, 3.57-7/10 sec. an Australian record. 2. South Africa 3.5-5/10 sec. 3. Australian, 4.10 sec.

Ten yards, two yards.
Australian King's Prize for Rifle Shooting.—1. Y. Buttsworth (Queensland) 347 points. 2. Lets (Australia) 345 points. 3. Gall (Australia) 345 points.—Reuter.

PASSING THROUGH

Japanese Tennis Stars On Way To Manila

Y. Tsuruta and T. Matsumoto, the Japanese tennis stars, arrived in the Colony yesterday on board the Empress of Canada.

At the invitation of the Philippine Islands Tennis Association, they are going to Manila to take part in the annual tennis tournament there.

SPORTS CLUB.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Selling Lotteries will be held at the Club on

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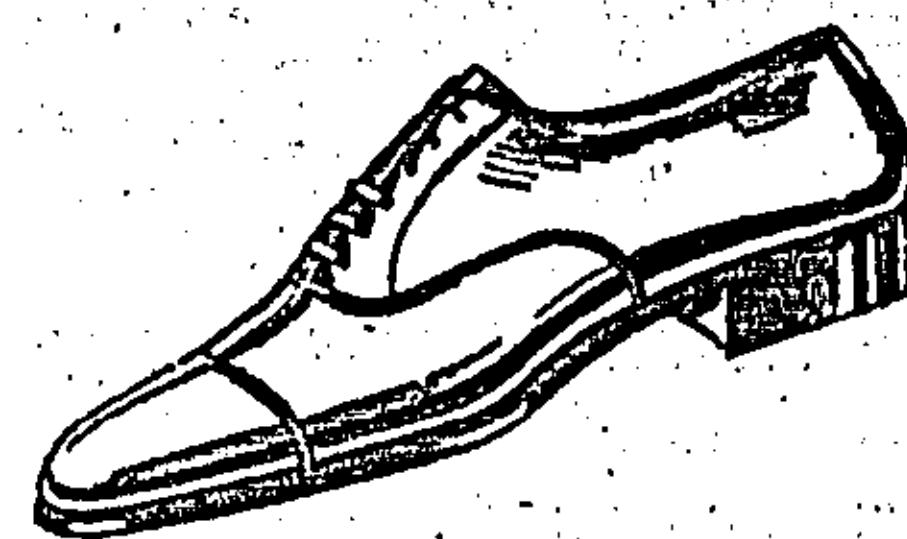
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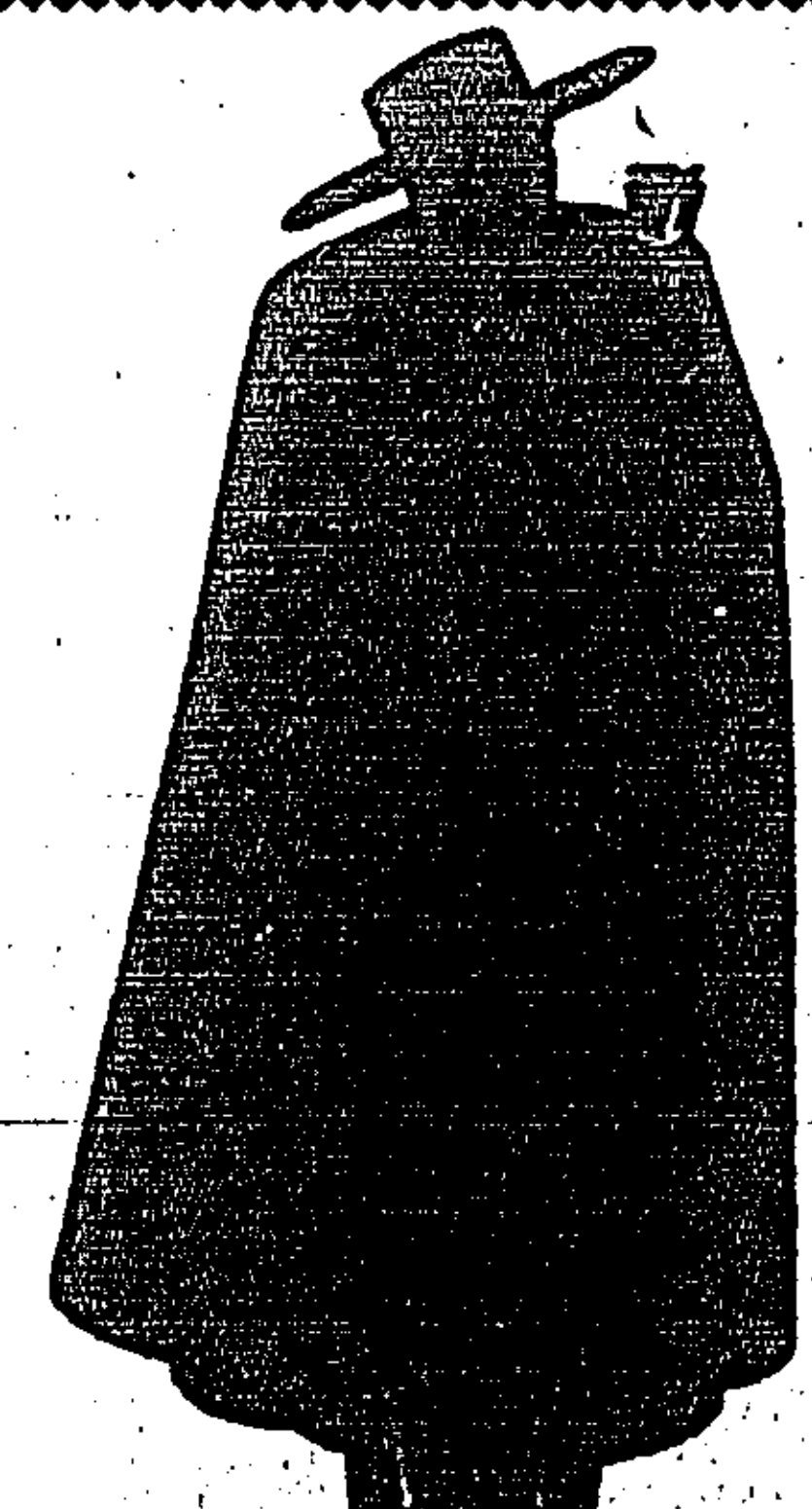
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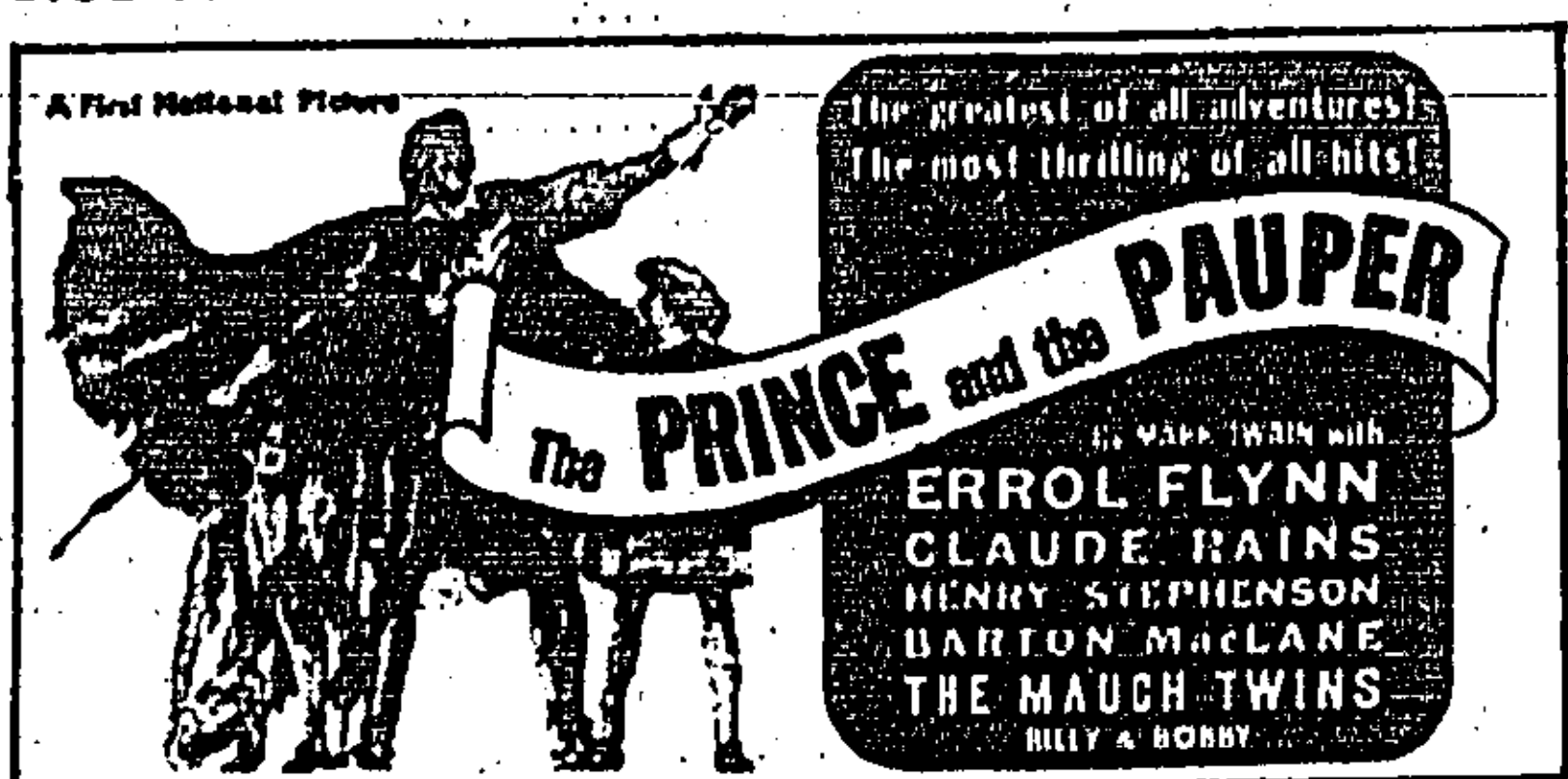
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Roosevelt Requests New Millions For Appropriations

Washington, Feb. 11. President F. D. Roosevelt has asked Congress for supplementary appropriations of \$510,000,000 to strengthen the army, according to the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

The appropriation provides for additional aircraft, material, and implements for the manufacture of army materials and the making up of deficiencies in ammunition.—Reuter.

U. S. NAVAL POLICY

Washington, Feb. 11. Representative Carl Vinson has published the text of the amendment to the \$500,000,000 naval expansion bill, which declares: "The fundamental naval policy of the United States is to maintain a fleet adequate to defend both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts simultaneously, and all American insular possessions."

The bill also provides that the navy should be of sufficient strength to guarantee national security, but not for aggression.—Reuter.

PROPHECY THAT CAME TRUE

"NEW COLONIES SEEK AT BOTANY BAY"

BRITISH ADMIRAL'S RESOURCE

A rhyming prophecy about British colonization of what is now New South Wales was made by an anonymous writer in the Whitehall Evening Post of Nov. 21, 1786. It read:

Let no one think much of a trifling expense:

Who knows what may happen a hundred years hence?

The loss of America what can repay?

New Colonies seek for at Botany Bay.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of New South Wales by Adm. Arthur Phillip, with the Sirius, a sixth-rate warship, the tender sloop Supply, six transports and three supplyships.

Dr. George Mackness has written the most complete account ever published of Phillip and his work during the crucial first five years of the settlement. The book published today—"Adm. Arthur Phillip, R.N.," Angus and Robertson, Sydney, 30s—is likely to remain the definitive biography of a remarkable pioneer of the Empire.

THE FIRST LANDING

Nearly 900 convicts and 650 marines, guards and sailors left Spithead on May 13, 1787, in the 11 vessels. They arrived at Botany Bay in January next year, and on Jan. 26 the first landing at Sydney Cove was made.—The story which follows is one of amazing fortitude, endurance and resourcefulness, with a regrettable undercurrent of disaffection, and squabbling among subordinate officers.

Governor Phillip emerges as almost the only leader who was able utterly to put aside personal jealousies, and to keep brightly burning in the face of tremendous difficulties his own serene optimism concerning the future of the colony.

He was handicapped, from the first, by a terrible shortage of technicians and overseers. The tools and supplies provided were inferior, and the marines proved almost as difficult to control as the convicts.

"A PIONEER COLONIST"

The Lieutenant-Governor, Major Ross, showed no genuine willingness to co-operate, and the correspondence home which has survived, except for Phillip's own despatches, strikes a note of unrelieved gloom.

In full detail Dr. Mackness follows the wavering fortunes of the young colony. It is impossible to resist his conclusion that but for the tenacity, courage and faith of Phillip, New South Wales could never have survived beyond the first year of its existence.

STOP PRESS NEWS

CHINESE PLANES BOMB JAPANESE

Hofel, Anhwei, Feb. 12. Chinese planes effectively bombed Japanese positions and communications on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and Wuhu fronts yesterday, according to information from military sources.

The Mentalize station on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway was completely wrecked. The airdrome at Pengpu, now being used by the Japanese, was heavily damaged. Many Japanese army trucks on the highway at Changhwalwei, east of Pengpu, on the south bank of the Hwai River, were destroyed, while Japanese troops on the highway were machine-gunned by the Chinese raiders.

Assisting the attack of the Chinese infantry units, Chinese planes also severely damaged Japanese defence works on the Wuhu front.—Central News.

500,000 REFUGEES TO BE EMPLOYED

Lanchow, Feb. 12. Some 500,000 war refugees are being despatched to Kansu this spring for land reclamation work. It is officially announced. In a telegram to Chu Shao-liang, Chairman of the Kansu Government, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek instructs that necessary preparations be made to accommodate the refugees.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI POLICE BAFFLED

Shanghai, Feb. 12. At present the French police are awaiting identification of the decapitated head found yesterday morning by Russian cabaret girls. It is believed to be that of a Chinese reporter who was seen at the home of Dr. H. H. Kung on several occasions prior to the outbreak of hostilities last August. Police believe the decapitations are not carried out in French Concession, but the heads are conveyed there by motor.

Meanwhile the police are very puzzled by the publication in the Sin Wen Pao yesterday of photographs of two of the heads. They deny they issued any pictures of the heads, and are determined to find out how the newspaper obtained the photographs.—Reuter.

EARL BEATTY GRAVELY HURT

London, Feb. 11. Earl Beatty received severe injuries to his back when his horse fell heavily while hunting with the Quorn. Earl Beatty was taken to the Melton Mowbray hospital and his condition is stated to be grave.—Reuter Special.

JAPAN CENSORS SHANGHAI MAILS

Hankow, Feb. 12. Beginning from yesterday, the Japanese authorities in Shanghai have instituted censorship on incoming and outgoing mails, according to information from postal circles.—Central News.

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GARY COOPER'S FILMS EARN THE MOST MONEY

HOW BOX OFFICES PLACE STARS

SHIRLEY TEMPLE FOURTH

The film actor whose pictures earned most money in 1937, outside the United States, was Gary Cooper, according to a survey just made by an American trade authority.

Shirley Temple's popularity in the United States and Britain is so great that, taking her home market into consideration, she was probably the biggest draw of all. But Cooper has the wider appeal.

The ten leading players, outside the United States, are said to be:

Gary Cooper,
Greta Garbo,
Clark Gable,
Shirley Temple,
Fred Astaire—Ginger Rogers,
Robert Taylor,
Marlene Dietrich,
Paul Muni,
Jeanette MacDonald.

Three of Cooper's films, "Bengal Lancer," "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town," and "The Plainsman," were outstanding successes, and it is expected that "Souls at Sea" will be another.

Many other players have a strong regional following. Charles Boyer is particularly popular in France—indeed to most parts of

the Continent—what Valentino was 15 years ago.

AUSTRALIA LIKES MUSIC

Chaplin, though he has done nothing since "Modern Times," is still the most popular star with French audiences. Not only "Modern Times," but even older comedies are still drawing the public, after innumerable re-issues.

The authority just quoted puts France's favourites in the following order: Chaplin, Boyer, Fernandel, Tino Rossi, Sacha Guitry, Jean Gabin, Marlene Dietrich, Raimu, Gary Cooper, and Greta Garbo.

Annabella, second last year, has dropped back owing to her absence in London and Hollywood.

Australia likes music and comedy. The Jeanette MacDonald-Nelson Eddy team head the list, and Bobby Bren, the American boy singer, escapes into the first 10.

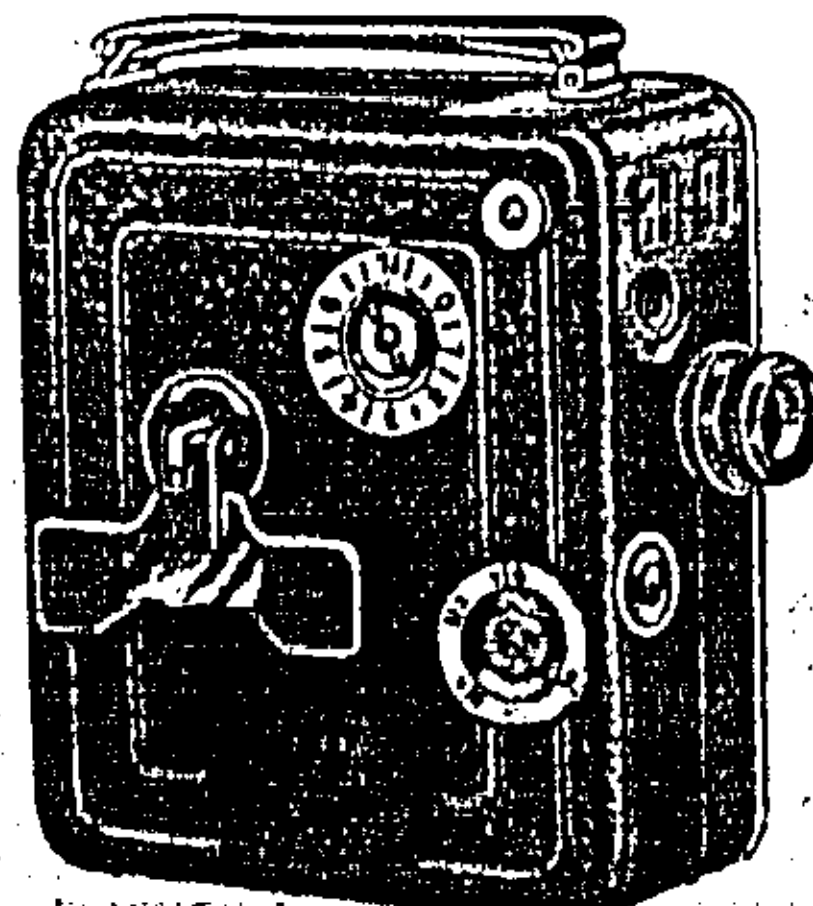
Germany liked Zarah Leander, the Swedish actress and singer, Paul Wessely, the late Renate Muller, Lillian Harvey, Luise Ullrich.

SURPRISE FOR CIVIC HEAD
Garbo leads in Italy, with Shirley Temple, and Katharine Hepburn next. Gary Cooper is top of the list in Japan. Shirley Temple having dropped from first to seventh place.

Hawaii prefers Paul Muni. The Scandinavian countries like their own players best. William Powell, Garbo and Jannings are the first three in Austria.

Perhaps the most curious jump to fame is that of Lily Bouwmeester, who ranks No. 1 in Holland. A stage actress she was forgotten by the film public until she played in Ludwig Berger's film version of Shaw's "Pygmalion." The film was regarded by the trade as a certain flop and proceeded to break records.

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